

# Houston

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**HOUSTON**

Mrs. John Houston b. 1650, widow, from Ireland to 1735 PA; d. 1747 Rockbridge Co., VA.  
sons John (proven) & William (unproven)

John Houston b. 1690; to 1735 PA; to 1742/50 VA; d. 1754.  
m. Margaret Cunningham

1. Robert b. 1720 m. Margaret Davidson	2. Isabella	3. Esther	4. John <sup>1</sup>	5. Samuel	6. Matthew	7. James (r/o Ire.)
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Robert Houston b. 1720 m. Margaret, d/o Samuel Davidson <sup>1</sup>		
1. John (migrated West)	2. Samuel (to KY) m. Eliz. Paxton	3. Bettie m. James McClung
4. Margaret (to OH) m. James Hopking	5. Esther m. James McKee	6. Mary m. John Letcher

Samuel Houston m. Elizabeth, d/o John Paxton. <sup>1</sup>		
1. Paxton (d.y.)	2. Robert (W-1812)	3. James (r/o TN)
4. John (r/o TN)	5. Sam b. 1793	6. William
7. Isabella (d.y.)	8. Mary m. Matthew Wallace	9. Eliza (to TX) m. Mr. Moore

Sam Houston b. VA 1793; to Blount Co., TN. He  
separated from his first wife & went West to live  
with the Cherokee Indians. Was Gov. of Texas.  
m. 2nd to Margaret Moffett Lea of Perry Co., AL.<sup>1</sup>

1. Samuel	2. Nannie m. J.S. Morrow	3. Maggie Lea m. N.S. Williams
4. Mary W. m. Mr. Morrow	5. Nettie Power m. W.L. Bringhurst	6. Andrew Jackson m. Carrie A. Purnell
7. William R.	8. Temple Lea (male) (all Margaret's ch.)	

**ROLPHE**

1st. Gen: John Rolphe b. 1585 m. 2nd. to Pocahontas-to Eng.  
2nd. Gen: Thomas Rolphe (only child) m. Jane Poythress.  
3rd. Gen: Jane (only child) m. Robert Bolling b. 1646-to VA.  
4th. Gen: John Bolling (only child) m. Mary, d/o Richard Kennon.

**5th Gen:**

1. John, Jr. m. 2. Eliz. Blair	2. Jane m. Richard R. Curles	3. Mary m. John Flemming
4. Elizabeth m. Dr. Gay	5. Martha m. Thomas Eldridge	

**ELDRIDGE**

Rolph b. 1744, s/o Thomas & Martha (Bolling) Eldridge  
m. Susanna Everard, d/o Col. George & Mary (Meade) Walker.<sup>1</sup>

1. George	2. Rolphe, Jr. m. Mary Moseley	3. Thomas Kidder
4. Thomas Kidder m. Mary H. Ayres	5. Courtney	6. Jinnie
7. Pollie	8. Pattie	

**LETCHER**

Giles, s/o Mr. Letcher & Miss Giles, m. Hannah Hughes.<sup>1</sup>

1. John m. Mary Houston William b. 1781 James John Giles Isaac Anderson Mary Sallie Hannah Anne	2. Stephen m. Betsy Perkins William Robert 4. William m. Eliz. Perkins Bethesia	3. Sarah m. William Mitchell Thomas Elizabeth Nancy William Sarah Rachael
(These families resided in Rockbridge Co., VA.)		

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Oldest Known Houston/Houstoun's in America: (related to our Lineage)

**SAMUEL HOUSTON** May 15, 1794 purchased land on Little Beaver Dam of Rocky River from Samuel H. & Rebecca Dickson  
1790 Census Perleton Dist SC Head of Household 1 M ov 16; 1 M under 16; 3F over 16  
1800 Census - Perleton Dist SC Head of Household #665 - 1 m u 10; 1 m 26-45; 1 m over 45  
3 f u 10; 1 f 10-16; 1 f 16-26;  
1 slave

*Could be daughter of Samuel and Rebecca Dickson. Older than may have stayed in Abbeville SC.*

**THOMAS HOUSTON** 1754 Laurens Dist NC  
1761 Mecklenburg Dist NC; 1778 Chester Dist NC;  
Son (Henry) born 1790 Census Perleton Dist SC 3 m over 16; 2 M under 16; 1 F over 16  
1800 not on 1800 census  
Census for Henry's Sons (Miss.) 1801 will proven October 1801 (son Henry Houston was an appraiser of Estate) File 318 Anderson/Perleton Co SC

ISSUE OF THOMAS HOUSTON

Not Named in Thomas Houston Will				Named in Thomas Houston Will		
HENRY	WILLIAM	JAMES	SAMUEL	JOHN	THOMAS, JR	JOSIAH
Appraiser of Thomas' Estate - Anderson Co. SC, Oct 1801 File 318		Rev War Records: # 21288	Rev War Record # W 7810		Stated as brother to Samuel in Samuel's application for pension	Henry Family Records state that Catherine Houston married John Henry John b. 1745 d. 1810 and that she was a daughter of Thomas Houston
BORN	Infant before date of James birth (1754)	1754 Laurens Dist SC	1761 Mecklenburg Dist NC	1774-84 ?	1760-70	
ENTERED REV. WAR	Enlisted 1776 Georgia Minutemen (Prot)	1776 Georgia Minutemen	1776-Dec 1, 1778 Ga Minutemen (Prot)	1778 Chester Dist SC (In place of Father, Thomas)	?? 1776 Ga Minutemen	
OTHER REV SERVICE	Killed at battle of Hanging Rock. Verf in James & Samuel's pension application	Enlisted Spring 1779 for Henry Townsend 3 Mo York Dist SC 1779-1781 SC - (Capt) (was also a Lt.)	1781 York Dist SC			A John Henry purchased 640 acres on Great Rocky Creek of the Savannah River & later sold 320 to a Thomas Houston in Mar 1792.
GRANTED OR PURCHASED LAND	All three were granted 287 1/2 acres in Washington County Georgia for service with Col. Samuel Jack		Henry Co Ga 1823 Land Lottery	287 1/2 ac - Washington Co. Ga West boundary joins James H. Houston (Sr)	1807 Greene Co Ga (Land Lottery) 1823 Henry Co. Ga (Land Lottery)	Records also mention another Catherine Houston who was a cousin and married Charles McClure (thought to be a desc of old Samuel)
APPLIED FOR PENSION/BOUNTY	1784 to State of Ga for service as Minutemen	1784 (May) Henry made petition for William's heirs. Petition stated Henry was a brother and guardian of children	1784 Ga 1832 - Abbeville Dist SC. Application Verf William as brother	1828 (May) Fayette Co. Ga Application verified William as brother		
WIFE/CHILD APPLIED	No further applications found as of this date	SARA made petition in 1835 - Anderson Co (Abbeville) SC 5-11-1852 son James D. Houston in Hinds Co, MS	MARTHA made petition in Fayette Co, Ga in 1841 Application states that Carter Houston & Suzanne Simons were present at wedding. C. Houston was also in 1850 Census			
PLACES LIVED	Lived 1754-1761 with Father (Thomas) ? 1776-91 Hancock Co Ga... son Josiah born there 1790. 1795-1801 dau born there 1804 SC son Eleazer born 1804 - 10 ? MS 1810-32 Wayne Co. MS	1754-Laurens Dist SC 1776-Chester Dist SC 1779 York Dist SC ? - 1834 Abbeville Dist SC	1781-1832 Perleton Dist SC; 1823-28 Henry Co Ga 1828-41 Fayette Co Ga		1801 Perleton Dist. (See Thomas' will) 1833 Fayette Co Ga	
DIED	After Aug 24 1832 & before Oct 30 1834 Wayne Co MS on Sumpter Co. AL	1781 Hanging Rock SC (unrecorded) Died as bro Samuel was carrying him to hospital at Charlotte NC	Aug 3 1834 Abbeville Dist SC	Sep 25 1840 Henry Co. Ga		
INF. ON WIFE/WIVES	KEZIAH CREDELL signed Deed rights for land Henry sold 1791-Hancock Co Ga Name also given in letter written by gr dau Cordelia Credelle Houston d ca 1830 AMY (2nd wife) Henry's Estate Settlement - Sumpter Co AL 1834 (Oct.)	Sarah/Sarah ??? d Nov 19 1842 Abbeville SC on Hinds Co MS	Martina (Henry) m. July 1 1775 d. 1844-Houston Co Ms. Brought manum. son Thomas, gr. 11. d. & Co. 1843			

\* Josiah - Hinchoka Co.; Eleazer - Kemper Co.

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**28. JOSEPH LAWRENCE HOUSTON**

born 17 May 1826, Wayne County, Mississippi; married 1850/52, Hickory, Newton County, Mississippi; died 9 March 1900, Neshoba County, Mississippi (buried Neshoba Baptist Church Cemetery)

**29. MARY C. JOHNSON**

born 24 April 1831, Alabama (Sumter County?); died 14 October 1894, Neshoba County, Mississippi (buried Neshoba Baptist Church Cemetery)

**Evidence other than any listed census records, tax records, property transactions, etc.:**

Death Certificate of James Green Houston; Tombstone of Joseph Lawrence Houston; Tombstone of Mary C. Johnson Houston; NSDAR #621597, Susan Clark Slaymaker, ancestor Henry Houston

1860, Newton County, Mississippi (census, p. 121, #821/836, Joseph Houston, 32, Mississippi, Mary, 28, Mississippi, Mary, 8, Mississippi, Lucy, 6, Mississippi, William, 4, Mississippi, John, 1, Mississippi); 1868, Neshoba County, Mississippi (sold land of John Johnson); 1870, Neshoba County, Mississippi (census, p. 362, #1085/1085, Joseph L. Houston, 44, Mississippi, Mary C., 39?, Alabama, Mary J. B., 18, Mississippi, Lucy A., 16, Mississippi, William, 13, Mississippi, John F., 11, Mississippi, Josiah A., 8, Mississippi James G., 5, Mississippi, George Lee, 2, Mississippi, Josiah, 78, Tennessee, Catherine, 72, South Carolina, Harriet C., 9, Mississippi); 1880, Neshoba County, Mississippi (census, District 60, p. 21, #151/158, Joseph L., 54, Mississippi, father North Carolina, mother South Carolina, Mary C., 49, Alabama, father Georgia, mother South Carolina, John F., son, 21, Mississippi, Josiah A., son, 18, Mississippi, James G., son, 15, Mississippi, George L., son, 12, Mississippi, Lillie, daug., 9, Mississippi)

**Children:**

**1. Mary Jane B.**

born 1852, Newton County, Mississippi; spouse: Jess Dixon

**2. Lucy A./Matilda**

born 20 January 1854, Newton County, Mississippi; died 11 April 1942; spouse: John P. Smith; born 10 January 1849; died 14 February 1926

**3. William Henry/Bud**

born 11 October 1856, Newton County, Mississippi; died 9 December 1935; spouse: Mary E. Dixon; married 24 October 1878, Neshoba County, Mississippi; born 1860; died 1955

**4. John F.**

born 1858/59, Newton County, Mississippi; died Texas; spouse 1: E. L. Pace; married c. 17 December 1883, Neshoba County, Mississippi; spouse 2: Frances (Fanny) M. Richmond; married 1892

**5. Josiah A. S.**

born 25 February 1862, Mississippi; died 21 March 1927; spouse: Adeline B. Taylor; married 17 December 1884, Neshoba County, Mississippi; born 5 March 1867; died 13 February 1945

**6. James Green**

born 7 January 1865, Neshoba, Neshoba County, Mississippi; died 7 January 1944, Philadelphia, Neshoba County, Mississippi; spouse: Mary Elizabeth Gully; married 22 December 1887, Neshoba County, Mississippi; born 24 March 1872, Neshoba, Neshoba County, Mississippi; died 17 May 1954, Neshoba, Neshoba County, Mississippi

**7. George Lee**

born November 1867, Mississippi; died 1942; spouse: Ella E. Boler; married 7 November 1895, Neshoba County, Mississippi; born 1875; died 1944

**8. Lillie T.**

born March 1871, Neshoba County, Mississippi; spouse 1: Bob Crenshaw; spouse 2: Dink Crenshaw; married 6 February 1889, Neshoba County, Mississippi; born 21 November 1857; died 28 December 1896

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**56. JOSIAH HOUSTON**

born 22 December 1791, Georgia (Greene County?); married before 1818, Wayne County, Mississippi?; died 10 February 1871, Newton County, Mississippi (buried Pleasant Ridge Baptist Cemetery)

**57. CATHERINE CRENSHAW**

born 1796/98, North Carolina?; died after 1870, Newton County, Mississippi?

**Evidence other than any listed census records, tax records, property transactions, etc.:**

Tombstone of Josiah Houston; Ann Iris Houston Ellis Bergman, unpublished manuscript; NSDAR #621597, Susan Clark Slaymaker, ancestor Henry Houston

1814, Wayne County, Mississippi (tax list); 1815, Wayne County, Mississippi (tax list); 1815 (signed Petition for Mississippi Statehood); 1816, Wayne County, Mississippi (state census); 1816, Wayne County, Mississippi (tax list); 1817, Wayne County, Mississippi (tax list); 1818, Wayne County, Mississippi (tax list); 1819, Wayne County, Mississippi (tax list); 1820, Wayne County, Mississippi (census, Josiah Houston, 1m<10, 1m 16/26, 1m 26/45, 2f<10, 1f 16/26); 1830, Wayne County, Mississippi (census, Josiah Houston, 3m<10, 1m 10/20, 1m 20/40, 1f<10, 1f 10/20, 1f 20/40); after 1830, Sumter County, Alabama (resident); 1834, Livingston, Sumter County, Alabama (Voter's Registration); 1838, Livingston, Sumter County, Alabama (List of letters remaining in Post Office); 1841, Neshoba (Newton) County, Mississippi (tax list) 1845, Newton County, Mississippi (state census, Josiah, 4m, 3f); 1850, Newton County, Mississippi (census, p. 181, #377/377, Josiah Houston, 50?, Georgia, Kitty, 52?, North Carolina, Augustus, 18, Alabama, Joseph, 22, Alabama); 1860, Newton County, Mississippi (census, p. 122, #825/840, Josiah Houston, 66, Georgia, Catherine, 64, North Carolina); 1870, Neshoba County, Mississippi (census, p. 145, #1085/1085, Joseph, 44, Mississippi, Mary C., 39?, Alabama, Mary J. B., 18, Mississippi, Lucy A., 16, Mississippi, William, 13, Mississippi, John F., 11, Mississippi, Josiah A., 8, Mississippi, James G., 5, Mississippi, George Lee, 2, Mississippi, Josiah, 78, Tennessee, Catherine, 72, South Carolina, Harriet C., 9, Mississippi);

**Children:**

**1. Eleazer Ventnor**

born 12 October or 28 April 1818, Wayne County, Mississippi; died 3 July 1888, Newton County, Mississippi; spouse: Elizabeth Johnson; married before 1847, Mississippi; born 8 April 1828, Mississippi; died 27 August 1878, Newton County, Mississippi

**2. Greenburg/Greenboro**

born c. 1823/26, Wayne County, Mississippi; spouse: Frances; married before 1847, Mississippi; born 1828/30, Alabama or Mississippi

**3. Joseph Lawrence**

born 17 May 1826, Wayne County, Mississippi; died 9 March 1900, Neshoba County, Mississippi; spouse: Mary C. Johnson; married 1850/52, Hickory, Newton County, Mississippi; born 24 April 1831, Alabama (Sumter County?); died 14 October 1894, Neshoba County, Mississippi

**4. Augustus H. F. M.**

born 1832, Sumter County, Alabama; died 10 April 1862, Battle of Shiloh; spouse: Mary B.; married before 1860; born c. 1844, Mississippi

**5. Catherine/Katie**

born c. 1832, Sumter County, Alabama or Mississippi; spouse: William White; married before 1852, probably Mississippi; born c. 1828, Mississippi

**6. Amanda/Adeline**

born c. 1842, Newton County, Mississippi; spouse: Benjamin Franklin Johnson; married before 1856; born c. 1835, Hickory, Newton County, Mississippi

**7. Lorenne**

born c. 1816, Mississippi; spouse: Benjamin Hitt; married 15 January 1838, Alabama?; born c. 1817, South Carolina



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**112. HENRY "Rufus" HOUSTON**

**born before 1761, not in United States, probably Ireland; married before 1791; died 1832/34, Sumter County, Alabama**  
(spouse 2: Ann)

**113. KEZIAH CREDILLE**

**born before 1775?; died 1820/30?, Wayne County, Mississippi?**

**Evidence other than any listed census records, tax records, property transactions, etc.:**

Letter from Cornelia Criddle Houston Riley; Estate record of Henry Houston; NSDAR #621597, Susan Clark Slaymaker, ancestor Henry Houston

**1784, Greene County, Georgia** (land grant); **1789, Greene County, Georgia** (tax list); **1791, Greene County, Georgia** (sold land in Greene County, formerly Washington County granted to him in 1784, confirmed in 1791, with wife Keziah); **1794, Hancock County, Georgia** (sold land); **1795, Pendleton County, South Carolina** (bought land); **1811, Wayne County, Mississippi** (tax list, Houghston); **1816, Wayne County, Mississippi** (state census); **1819, Wayne County, Mississippi** (tax list); **1820, Wayne County, Mississippi** (census, p. 112, Henry Houston, 1m 16/18, 1m>45, 1f>45); **1830, Wayne County, Mississippi** (census, Henry Houston, 1m>60); **1832, Wayne County, Mississippi** (gave slave to son Josiah)

**Children:**

**1. Milly**

spouse: (Joshua L.?) Perkins

**2. Josiah**

born 22 December 1791, Greene County, Georgia; died 10 February 1871, Newton County, Mississippi; spouse: Catherine Crenshaw; married before 1818, Wayne County, Mississippi? Greene County, Georgia?, born 1796/98, North Carolina?, died after 1870, Newton County, Mississippi?

**3. Sarah/Sally**

born 1794/95, South Carolina; died after 1860, Mississippi; spouse: Henry Killen; married c. 1810, probably Wayne County, Mississippi; born c. 1792, North Carolina; died 1850/60, Mississippi

**4. Ashley**

**?5. Thomas**

born 1796/1804

**6. Catherine**

born 1800, Kentucky; spouse: Benjamin Walker; married 1818, Wayne County, Mississippi

**7. William Elisha/Elleazer Ventnor**

born 5 January, February, or September 1804, South Carolina (Anderson County?); died 13 or 14 June 1880, Kemper County, Mississippi; spouse 1: Nancy Overstreet; married 20 July 1825; born c. 1804, North Carolina or South Carolina; died 16 December 1859; spouse 2: Amanda Smith; married after 1860



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**224. THOMAS HOUSTON**

died 26 April 1800/27 October 1801, Anderson County, South Carolina

**225. AGNES**

**Evidence other than any listed census records, tax records, property transactions, etc.:**

Will of Thomas Houston; 1784 petition of Henry Houston; Revolutionary War pension application of Samuel Houston; Revolutionary War pension application of James Houston

**1763, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina** (land grant); **1764, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina** (sold land on Steel Creek, with wife Agnes); **1778, Chester District, South Carolina** (resident); **1788, Chester District, South Carolina** (land transaction); **1790, Pendleton County, 96th District, South Carolina** (census, p. 85, Thomas Houston, 3m>16, 2m<16, 1f>16)

**Children:**

**1. Henry**

born before 1761, not in United States, probably Ireland; died 1832/34, Sumter County, Alabama; spouse: Keziah Credille; married before 1791; born before 1775?; died 1820/30?, Wayne County, Mississippi?

**2. William**

died c. 1780, Battle of Hanging Rock, South Carolina

**3. James**

born 1754; died 3 August 1834; spouse: Sarah; died 19 November 1842

**4. Samuel**

born 1 July 1761, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina; died 25 September 1840, Fayette County, Georgia; spouse: Martha; married 1 July 1778; died c. 1844, Winston County, Mississippi

**5. Josiah**

died after 1833

**6. Thomas**

**7. John**

born 1774/84

**8. Catherine**

spouse: John Henry; born 1745; died 1810

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**56. JOSIAH HOUSTON**

born: 22 Dec. 1791, GA (Green Co.?)

married: before 1818, Wayne Co., MS?

died: 10 February 1871, Newton Co., MS

*Buried: Pleasant Ridge Baptist Cemetery, Newton Co., MS*

**57. CATHERINE CRENSHAW**

born: 1796/98, NC?

died: after 1870, Newton Co., MS?

**Additional:**

1815, signed Petition for Mississippi Statehood

after 1830, lived in Sumter Co., AL

1834, Voter's Registration, Livingston, Sumter Co., AL

1838, List of letters remaining in Post Office, Livingston, Sumter Co., AL

**Census:**

1816, Wayne Co., MS (State)

1820, Wayne Co., MS (Josiah Houston, 1m<10, 1m 16/26, 1m 26/45, 2f<10,  
If 16/26)

1830, Wayne Co., MS (Josiah Houston, 3m<10, 1m 10/20, 1m 20/40, If<10, If 10/20,  
If 20/40)

1845, Newton Co., MS (State) (Josiah, 4m, 3f)

1850, Newton Co., MS, p. 181, #377/377 (Josiah Houston, 50?, GA, Kitty, 52?, NC,  
Augustus, 18, AL, Joseph, 22, AL)

1860, Newton Co., MS, p. 122, #825/840 (Josiah Houston, 66, GA, Catherine, 64,  
NC)

1870, Neshoba Co., MS, p. 145, #1085/1085 (Joseph, 44, MS, Mary C., 39?, AL,  
Mary J. B., 18, MS, Lucy A., 16, MS, William, 13, MS, John F., 11, MS,  
Josiah A., 8, MS, James G., 5, MS, George Lee, 2, MS, Josiah, 78, TN,  
Catherine, 72, SC, Harriet C., 9, MS)

**Tax Lists:**

1814-1819, Wayne Co., MS

1841, Neshoba (Newton) Co., MS

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married: before 1847, MS

Frances

born: 1828/30, AL or MS

3. Joseph Lawrence

born: 17 May 1826, Wayne Co., MS

died: 9 March 1900, Neshoba Co., MS

married: 1850/1852, Hickory, Newton Co., MS

Mary C. Johnson

born: 24 April 1831, AL

died: 14 October 1894, Neshoba Co., MS

4. Augustus H. F. M.

born: 1832, Sumter Co., AL

died: 10 April 1862, Battle of Shiloh

married: before 1860

Mary B.

born: c. 1844, MS

5. Catherine (Katie)

born: c. 1832, Sumter Co., AL or MS

married: before 1852, probably MS

William White

born: c. 1828, MS

6. Amanda (Adeline)

born: c. 1842, Newton Co., MS

married: before 1856

Benjamin Franklin Johnson

born: c. 1835, Hickory, Newton Co., MS

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7. Loreenne  
born: c. 1816, MS  
married: 15 January 1838, AL?  
    Benjamin Hitt  
        born: c. 1817, SC

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**112. HENRY RUFUS HOUSTON**

born: before 1761, not in U. S., probably Ireland

married: before 1791

died: 1832/34, Sumter Co., AL

*married 2: Ann*

**113. KEZIAH CRIDELLE**

born: before 1775?

died: 1820/30?, Wayne Co., MS?

**Census:**

1816, Wayne Co., MS (State)

1820, Wayne Co., MS, p. 112 (Henry Houston, 1m 16/18, 1m>45, 1f>45)

1830, Wayne Co., MS (Henry Houston, 1m>60)

**Tax Lists:**

1811, Wayne Co., MS (Houghston)

1819, Wayne Co., MS

**Land Transactions:**

1784, Greene Co., GA, Land Grant

1791, Greene Co., GA, sold Land Grant (with wife Keziah)

1791, Washington Co., GA, Land Grant

**Children:**

**1. Josiah**

born: 22 December 1791, GA (Green Co?)

died: 10 February 1871, Newton Co., MS?

married: Catherine Crenshaw

born: 1797, NC

died: after 1870, Newton Co., MS?

**2. Sarah (Sally)**

born: 1794/95, SC

died: after 1860, MS

married: Henry Killen

born: c. 1792, NC

died: 1850/60, MS

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3. Elisha Eleazer

born: 5 January, February, or September 1804, SC (Anderson Co.?)

died: 13 or 14 June 1880, Kemper Co., MS

married 1: 20 July 1825

Nancy Overstreet

born: c. 1804, NC or SC

died: 16 December 1859

married 2: after 1860

Mary Ann Green

4. ?nn

married: William Howell

5. Nancy

born: c. 1815/17, MS

married: 16 December 1835

William Overstreet

born: c. 1812/14, NC or SC

6. ?Thomas

born: 1796/1804

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(October 14, 1955)

In cooperation with S. G. Hawfield, well-known local school administrator, The Journal plans to present the numerous connections of the Houston family in Union County. As founder of the family in this country, written by Annette Houston Harlow for the centennial edition of the Lexington (Va.) Gazette:

Mendel's law of heredity of traits and characteristics, as maintained by his later disciples in its application to the human race, is aptly illustrated in the history of the Houston family. Their strong, marked traits of character are all present in their ancestors, and so to read the future we must turn to the past and persue it there.

Rev. Samuel Rutherford Houston, D. D., says in "The Houston Family":

"It is the tradition that the Houstons dwelt on the 'lowlands' of Scotland, and registering of their 'Coat of Arms' in the Government office at London, proves satisfactorily that their standing was somewhat elevated. It is, moreover, affirmed that they were of celtic origin, being unmixed with either Saxon, Danish, or Norman. They took a decided stand in favor of the Reformation; adopted early the tenants of Calvin; sustained with their hearts, substance and blood, the religious views of John Knox; and were persuaded for their rigid adherence to the Bible, and 'the Bible alone,'

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as their rule of faith and practice, and to 'Presbytery'  
as the scriptural form of Church government.

FILED TO THE NORTH

"Many of them fled to the north of Ireland, to be safe from the power of their blood-thirsty enemies. At what time the Houstons first took up an abode in Ireland, it is impossible, perhaps, to ascertain now; but we are credibly informed that many of them were there in the memorable year of sixteen hundred and eighty-eight (1688). who, with brave co-patriots and co-religionist, having sustained the terrific~~a~~ siege of Londonberry, shared in the joy of final triumph there. Their resistance, stern, and gloriously successful, was followed by the disgraceful departure of the Popish forces of James II 'aided by French allies): turned the scale in favor of William and Mary; secured to William the crown of England, and to England a Protestant succession of kings and queens, down to the present hour. History has established these facts beyond all reasonable question or doubt. (Vide Foot's (Sketches of Virginia,) p. 86.)

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"Among many of the immediate descendants of those who suffered in that struggle, so important to the interests and glory of England, and through England to a great part of the world, was John Houston (Gen.11), who emigrated to America about the year seventeen hundred and thirty five (1735). Some of the company who came with him having a considerable amount of money with them, and believing from the conduct of

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and crew of the vessel in which they sailed, that they designed robbing and murdering them, held a consultation, and determined to seize, and put in irons, the whole number. This they did: and some to the emigrants beset; killed in navigation, took command of the ship, and after a sail of eighty days, they were all safely landed in the port of Philadelphia.

The Houstons settled when they moved from Pennsylvania, in Virginia, on what was then known as the 'Burden Tract,' between the years seventeen hundred and forty-two, and fifty (1742-50).

Marquis James in "The Raven" says of the same event, giving a date five years earlier:

"When the ship came to hearth, a thick-set man in middle life, with silver buckles on his shoes, stepped ashore with his mother, his wife, and six children. The family of 'John Houston, Gent.,' descendant of baronets, whose ancestors were in the company of Scottish archers that led the way for Jeanne d'Arc from Orleans to Reims, stood on the warf and saw their keg of sovereigns safely on the soil of the New World, in the year 1730's."

#### PIONEER MOTHER

The Houston Narrative continues: Mrs. John Houston, (1) the mother of us all (from whom, as she was first in the line of descent,) known to us, of the Houston family, we number the generations, came from the north of Ireland to America, about the year seventeen hundred and thirty-five (1735) a widow, with one son. We know not whether she had any other

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children, but there is tradition that she had two sons - John and William. Tradition says that her husband's name was John. (Her maiden name was Margaret McClung).

We have learned from the manuscript of Rev. Samuel Houston that she lived to a very advanced age - being ninety-seven years of age at her death; that she died in Rockbridge County, Va., and was buried in a cemetery not very distant from the present one of New Providence Church - in the direction of Walker's Creek in that county.

We know nothing respecting her character. If, however, we may infer anything in regard to it from the character and conduct of her son, John, and his immediate descendants, we should believe that she was a woman of great piety and most worthy "Mother in Israel" - possibly as extraordinary for her exemplary godliness as extraordinary for her exemplary godliness as for her remarkable age.

ONLY SON

John Houston II, was the only son, known to us, of Mrs. John Houston, and was the progenitor of the six different branches of the Houston connection. He came from Ireland with his mother, his wife, and six children. The maiden name of his wife was (Margaret) Gunningham. Removing with his family to Virginia, he purchased a considerable portion of the very valuable 'Burden Tract', where he resided until his unfortunate death, (when at the age of sixty-five a limb from a burning tree fell on him). His house stood near the place where "Old Providence Church" now stands. In its immediate vicinity

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the settlers erected a stockade fort, for their defense in case of invasion by the Indians.

John Houston was one of the first elders of the New Providence Church, and seems to have had a controlling influence over the people. He is said to have named the church after having a deciding part in choosing the location which had been a cause of dispute. He was born about the year 1690, two years after the "Siege of Derry" and died in 1754.

The children of John Houston (II), and Margaret Cunningham Houston, making the third generation, were:

- III. 1. Robert Houston.
- III. 2. Isabella Houston.
- III. 3. Esther Houston.
- III. 4. John Houston.
- III. 5. Samuel Houston.
- III. 6. Matthew Houston.

A seventh, James Houston, was left in Ireland, having qualified himself to labor in the gospel ministry there.

#### ROBERT HOUSTON

Robert Houston married Margaret Davidson, daughter of Samuel and Ann Dunlap. They lived and died at their first home on Timber Ridge. Their children were: John Houston, Samuel Houston, Bettie Houston, Margaret Houston, Esther Houston, Mary Houston.

John Houston married Miss Logan and lived at Collierstown. They had a considerable family of children who scattered over the West and whose histories are unknown to the writer.

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Samuel Houston married Elizabeth Paxton, daughter of John Paxton, one of three brothers who emigrated with Houston to Pennsylvania, and afterwards came with them to the Valley of Virginia - 1740-45. She was a lady of much excellence. Her prominent virtues were displayed in bringing up a large family after the sudden death of her husband. He was ~~He was~~ a brigade inspector for many years, and while from home attending to his military duties in the western part of the State (Virginia) he was arrested by the hand of death, and breathed his last in Calligham's Hotel, a celebrated inn in what is now Alleghaney County, Va. Not many years after his death, his widow left the home which he had inherited from his father on Timber Ridge and removed with her family to Blount County, Tenn. (about 1807) and settled on Pistol Creek.

Her residence was in the neighborhood of other Houston families who had moved previously from Virginia to Tennessee and who, with her descendants, did much toward forming the marked character of the citizens of that county. The children of Samuel Houston and Elizabeth Paxton were: Paxton Houston, Robert Houston, James Houston, John Houston, Sam Houston (Gen'l), William Houston, Isabelle Houston Houton, Mary Houston and Eliza Houston.

GENERAL HOUSTON

We have learned but little of their lives and characters, excepting that of Gen. Sam Houston, with whose name much of the civilized world is familiar.

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Bertie Houston married James McClung. They lived as the north Fork of James River in Rockbridge County, Va. Their children were:

John McClung, Jane McClung, Samuel McClung, Margaret McClung, James McClung and Mary McClung.

Margaret Houston married James Hopkins. They settled thirty miles east of Cincinnati - Hopkinsville.

Esther ("Nannie") Houston married James McKee. They lived and died on Buffalo Creek, Rockeridge County, Va. Their children were:

Nancy McKee, Robert McKee, John McKee and William McKee.

Mary Houston married John Latcher. They had nine children.

Isabella Houston married first John (or George) Henderson: second, William Gillespie. There were three children by the first husband and seven by the second.

Esther Houston married John Montgomery, and there were 12 children, a great many of the descendants living in Greenbrier County, W. Va.

John Houston, son of the second generation John Houston, was nine years of age when he came with his father from Ireland to America. He married Sarah Todd and they had four sons and three daughters. They are the ancestors of the Union County branches of the Houston family.

(Note: Prof. S. G. Hawfield in this sketch tracts the Houston ancestry in Union county to William Houston.) (10-21-55)

John Houston, who married Sarah Todd settled in

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Hays' Creek, Rockbridge County, Va., about one mile from Brownsburg, Va., and owned a farm now known as the "McBride Farm," which was in all important respects and continued to be equal to any farm in the county. A portion of it is still in the possession of one of his descendants. He was born about the year 1716 in Ireland and died in 1798 in Logan County, Ky., and was buried at a church on Whipperwill Creek, probably the one now known as "Red River Meeting House." This church was the starting point of the great "Revival of 1800," so memorable in the ecclesiastical annals of Kentucky - out of which sprang the Cumberland Presbyterian Denomination, during the extravagances of which some imbibed errors which landed them in the bosom of the heretical "Shaking Quakers."

John Houston died when on a visit to his son Robert. He lived in Logan County, Ky., and he was one of the number carried away by the "shaking Hersey."

Sarah Todd Houston died in Blount County, Tenn. on May 25, 1895 and was buried in Maryville, Tenn.

John and Sarah Todd Houston and six sons and three daughters, as follows:

1. James Houston.
2. John Houston.
3. Rev. Samuel Houston.
4. William Houston.
5. Robert Houston.
6. Matthew Houston.
7. Alice Houston
8. Margaret Houston
9. Esther Houston

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The Houstons of Union County are most interested in the fourth child, William Houston I, who according to fairly authentic records migrated from Rockbridge County, Va., to what was then Mecklenberg County in North Carolina.

Hon. David Franklin Houston a direct descendant of the William Houston, and who was a member of Woodrow Wilson's Cabinet, after considerable research, wrote in part as follows:

"My grandparents were William Houston II, born Jan. 12 1784, died July 28, 1870, and Elizabeth Gray Houston, born Jan. 19, 1785, died April 8, 1843. They were married June 15, 1809. They are buried in the Wesley Chapel (McWhirter) Cemetery.

BORN IN IRELAND

"Their parents were John Houston II, born 1716 in Ireland, died 1798, and Sarah Rodd Houston, died 1795. They lived in Old Augusta County, Va., just below Staunton. He came over with his father John Houston I, born in Ireland 1689, died 1754. His wife was Margaret Cunningham, who died after 1754.

"John Houston I, helped to found the New Providence Church in the northern part of what is now Rockbridge County, Va., carved out of Augusta County, and later helped his sons and neighbors to found Timber Ridge Church, where old Gen. Sam Houston was born. Gen. Sam Houston was a cousin of mine. He (John Houston I) also helped to found Liberty (Augusta) Academy at Timber Ridge, which she stated in part as follows:

"John Houston I, who married a Miss Cunningham, came

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to this county in 1935, landing at New Castle, Delaware, and then went to Augusta County, Va. He had seven (only six came to America) children with him.

CHURCH FOUNDED

"He and his neighbors founded New Providence Church. Later he helped one of his sons and their neighbors to build Timber Ridge Church to the east of New Providence, where old Sam Houston was born.

"They had a son, John II who married Sarah Rodd, John II was born in Ulster in 1716 and died in 1798. Sarah died in 1795.

"William Houston, who married Margaret Williams, was a son of John and Sarah Todd Houston. This Williams Houston was born in 1750 and died in 1825, and is buried at Wesley Chapel (McWhirter) Cemetery. Margaret Williams was born 1759 and died 1822. They were married in 1771. Margaret was the daughter of Patrick Williams."

Note: Other records indicate that they were married Dec. 23, 1767.

The children of William Houston I, and Margaret Williams Houston were as follows:

Margaret Houston, born 1769: married John Patterson.

~~name~~ Susan Houston, born 1771; married Dr. William Morrison.

ANNESTON D F  
IDELLE PRIDE

Elizabeth Houston, born Nov. 3, 1773; married Elisha Stillwell, born Nov. 3, 1773, died Dec. 14, 1781.

"James Houston, born Oct. 7, 1775, died Sept. 9, 1846; married Margaret Forbis (Forbes).

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Hannah Houston, born Feb. 22, 1778, died 1824, married  
Squire Stevens, born Feb. 13, 1775, died 1845.

Hugh Houston, born 1780.

William Houston II, born June 12, 1782, died July 22,  
1870; married Elizabeth Gray, born May 15, 1785, died April  
8, 1742.

John Houston, born Dec. 25, 1784, died Nov. 13, 1877,  
married Elizabeth Potts, born 1793, died March 11, 1831.

Abner Houston, born Oct. 23, 1787, married Phoebe  
Ezelle, (Moved to Texas).

\*Known as 40 foot Jim.

On May 27, 1878 Mr. Easley A. Armfield, also a  
descendant of William Houston I, wrote among other things as  
follows:

IN MECKLENBURG

"My great grandfather, William Houston, was of Irish  
origin and came to this country when a small boy. He  
located in the Providence neighborhood in the county of  
Mecklenburg, N. C., where he later married Margaret Williams,  
also Irish descent, and they settled on Twelve Mile Creek near  
the mill now known as Biggers' Mill. William Houston was a  
farmer of some note and raised a good family of children."

When William Houston I settled in his new home it is  
reported that he and his children had only one axe with which  
to cut the forest and to build their necessary buildings.  
This axe had probably been brought from Charleston, S. C.,  
the principal port of importation, and it was used by nine  
different men.

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In those early days tobacco was primarily the only money crop grown for market. In order to transport their tobacco to the port at Charleston the early settlers made hogahead with a felloe, both of which were hand made. Then they put a stick through the center for an axle. This hogahead was rolled all the distance to Charleston over the crudest kinds of roads.

William Houston I, received pay for services in the War of the Revolution by certificate No. 2077 (Army Acts, Book No. 18. Compositor's Office)

Miss Catherine (Kitty) Squires states in her records that the Capt. Jack who carried to Philadelphia the news of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence was Capt. William Houston, so she heard.

Miss Squires also reports that she heard that Capt. William Houston once hid from the British Tories in a briar thicket, and that the Tories set fire to the thicket. They thought that they had burned him to death, but actually he was only severely scorched.

Margaret William Houston injured her back while carrying pewter vessels to conceal them in a stream from the British during the War of the Revolution. From this injury she never fully recovered.

Several years after this incident she attended a "protracted" meeting at Van Wyck, S. C., making the trip of some twenty-five miles on horseback over very crude roads.

Margaret Houston seems to have been a very pious and consecrated woman. Her Bible, bearing her maiden name, is now in

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the possession of Dr. Cyrus Houston, Concord. It shows the margin badly worn from continued use. It was published in London, England in 1698, and is printed in English.

In his memorirs of May 27, 1878, Emsley A. Armfield wrote about this generation of Houstons as follows:

"Elizabeth Houston married Elisha Stillwell and moved to Georgia before my time. She had one son name John Stilwell, who is now living in Griffin, Ga., and doing a mercantile business, and he has been a person who has kept up well with the times.

#### FORTY-FOOT JIM

"James Houston was a man of remarkable size and strength, and was know by the back-woods name of "Forty-foot Jim.) He was a man of good financial judgement and by his death had accumulated good property, but when under the influence of liquor was very boisterous. However, in all neighborhood quarrels he was known as the campion of the right and the innocent. No man was exempt from his wrath because of his position or standing if he was wrong.

"Hugh Houston and family moved before my recollection to Marshall County, Tenn.

"William Houston II, (married Elizabeth Gray), my grandfather, lived  $7\frac{1}{2}$  miles N. W. from Monroe near the Davis Mine. He lived to the age of 91 years, dying in 1870. He was a man of large frame and generally weighed 240 pounds, and was a man of considerable strenght of body and mind. He was very outspoken in all of his opinions of persons and things. He

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kept well read in national government affairs and well versed in all of the news, both general and political. Though a man of great kindness, he was a terror to evil doers and made it a point to attack evil whenever and wherever an opportunity offered. As a farmer he succeeded well by raising only provision crops and as fast as he accumulated a dollar he put it on interest, and at the time of his death had a good estate of lands and money, which, with his slaves, was considered fine property in his day.

"He was a man of property and a good man in his neighborhood. He saw that all of the roads were well worked and was consulted when a new road was to be opened. He was a man of very rigid honesty and the least show of the reverse brought down on the head of the offender his abuse and condemnation, regardless of who the offender or what the offense was. He was easily excited when opposed and sometimes used rather rash and unbecoming words to a friend. But in his cooler moments would apologise and speak of his uncontrolled temper. He often spoke of what he called his mother's prophesy that one of the family would some day become very great and widely known, and was very ambitious to see it come to pass in his day. He was of the opinion that it would still happen.

"He required strict obedience in his children and servants, and was liberal in his praise of those who filled his ideal of manhood and womanhood.

"John Houston (married Elizabeth Potts) lived and died in Union County having raised four boys and four girls. Hugh M.

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Houston, president of the people's Bank of Monroe, was a good financier and a liberal member of Methodist Episcopal Church South. His son John moved to Mississippi. Dr. McKay Houston, another son, was a man of some note and had a good practice in and Cabarrus Counties when he died. His son Carter was a bachelor and lived with his brother in Mississippi. R. V. Houston of Monroe is the only living offspring of this family in this county. John Houston's daughter, Nancy, married Thomas Winchester, and they raised a large family of Winchesters: John Houston, McCombs, Pinkney, James, (who died in the Civil War). Kate Howie, and Mary Margaret Winchester."

THE HOUSTON FAMILY

WILLIAM HOUSTON II

(Compiled By Prof. S. G. Hawfield)

October 28, 1955

William Houston II, who married Elizabeth Gray, lived on the Houston plantation now owned by Dr. W. Cyrus Houston of Concord the plantation is often spoken of as the Frank Houston Place. The residence is located on the Davis Gold Mine Road, about  $7\frac{1}{2}$  miles west of Monroe. There is still standing a rather large two-story residence, the main part of which was built of hugh logs hewn from the primeval forest. It was probably erected about 1810, since William Houston II and Elizabeth Gray were married June 15, 1809- which would make this house approximately 145 years old in 1955.

In the yard of this Houston place there also still stands a small one-room dwelling which was the home of Wiley and Molissa

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(Lissa) Houston who were slaves belonging to William Houston.  
Wiley and Lissa are buried in the McWhorter Cenetery.

In addition to his faming operations, William Houston also operated a tannery and shoe shop, in which hided from the surrounding community were tanned and shoes were made by hand. In his will which was filed in the courthouse in Momroe, August 22, 1870, William Houston willed this tannery and shoe shop to his sons, James and Benjamin Franklin Houston, to be jointly operated by them as a "tannery" business. James Houston, who was my grandfather, seems to have assumed most of the duties and responsibilities of the tannery, and he became known to his friends and acquaintances as Tanner James Houston. The tanyard was located about 300 yards west from the Houston residence.

RURAL POSTOFFICE

At the home of William Houston there was operated in the early days a rural postoffice, known as Oakville. The early mail was carried to this point on horseback from such points as Monroe and Charlotte, and the neighbors themselves called for their meager mail. Generally it had been in transit for several days or even for weeks.

There is a legend of an incident, which portrays the character of William Houston, when a neighbor (A Mr. Forbis) called at the Houston home, riding a fat sleek new horse for which he had just traded. Being very proud of his new horse, he is reported to have asked Mr. Houston's opinion about the horse. Now, Mr. Houston, who had a 'weakness' for speaking rather pluntly is reported to have replied: "He (the horse) is fatter

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now that he'll be again soon."

In this connection it may be of interest to recount an experience in the life of James Houston (40 foot Jim), a brother of William Houston. The city of Monroe had just been located (Union County was formed in 1842 and Monroe became the county seat). There was need for a direct road between Monroe and Charleston, the county seat of Mecklenburg county.

It is reported that this James Houston was selected to make the survey for the new road, probably because of his reputation as a woodsman and hunter. He had ~~no~~ surveyer's instruments, but followed his instincts and surveyed the road through the dense forest.

His custom was to get his bearings and then strike out in a straight direction toward his goal. As he advanced he guided those behind him by blowing a hand made horn, and they then blazed the trail behind him.

At first it was thought that the new road would pass near the home of William Houston, but actually it traversed the country some two miles to the north near the village of Stouts.

CHILDREN

The children of William and Elizabeth Gray Houston were as follows:

Drusilla Houston, born June 15, 1810, died April 4, 1859, married Matthew Phifer, born 1806, died 1846.

Margaret Williams Houston, born June 9, 1812, died June 1, 1844; married Nedom Armfield, born November 25, 1809, died February 16, 1859.

John Patterson Houston, born March 6, 1814, died Oct. 16,

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1887; married Eleanor Reid, born Aug. 19, 1814, died Jan. 16, 1877.

William Aiken Houston, born Nov. 27, 1815, died March 13, 1868; married Matilda Cathey. (Moved to Morristown, Tenn.)

James Houston, born Nov. 28, 1817, died Jan. 1, 1901, married Martha E. Walup, born Jan. 16, 1834, died Sept. 11, 1905.

Clark Houston, born Jan. 6, 1820, died April 30, 1841; did not marry.

Cyrus Houston, born March 6, 1822, died May 29, 1846, did not marry.

Benjamin Franklin Houston, born March 9, 1824, died June 24, 1897; married Elizabeth Hudson, born Sept. 11, 1843, died Jan. 1, 1911.

Elizabeth Houston, born Jan. 1, 1826, died May 24, 1846; did not marry.

MANY DESCENDANTS

In Union County and throughout North Carolina there are numerous descendants of Drusilla Houston, who married Matthew Phifer, including the Phiffers, Stewarts, Armfields, and Stevens. Among later year descendants are Lura Heath, Pattie Lee Stack, Roscoe and Sam Phifer, Janie Fairley, L. S. Presson and brothers, Frank Stevens and a host of others, too numerous to list in this account of the Houstons.

John Patterson Houstons, who married Eleanor Reid, lived all of his life in and around Monroe, and his granddaughter, Mrs. C. M. Beasley, wrote of him as follows:

"He lived in our home for a number of years before he died. A sweeter personality I never knew. At one time he was a very

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wealthy man. He married Eleanor Reid. Friends said of her that God could have made a better woman, but he never did." Emsley A. Armfield, a kinsman, in writing of Eleanor Reid, stated in his memoirs: "Miss Eleanor Reid was one of the best women it was over my lot to know."

James Houston, who married Martha Walkup, spent most of his life at his home near the Wesley Chapel Methodist Church. He was a loyal member of this church. He was a tanner by trade and he took considerable interest in the politics of Union County. In 1880 he served as Union County's representative in the state legislature. He was an ardent Democrat in the political affiliation.

The descendants of James Houston will be listed in a later account of the Houstons.

Benjamin Franklin Houston, who married Elizabeth Hudson was a resident of Monroe for many years, and his home was where Mr. and Mrs. Frank Redform now live at 506 South Church Street. He was a very successful business man and was highly respected by all who knew him. Their children were: Dr. W. Cyrus Houston, Concord, who married Nina Adams; Mary who married Randolph Redfarn, lived all her life in Monroe and is now deceased, and Florence, who married William B. Phifer, lived in Florida, and is now deceased.

HOME OF HOUSTON ANCESTORS

(Note: the following description of the Houston home was printed under a picture of the home. Although I have not reproduced the picture, the description is word by word.)

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This Picture shows part of the original home from which the Houstons came. The part A to B is one of four wings of the original house which enclosed a court. The other three wings were torn down about 1720 to furnish materials for building the new town of Houston (Hugh's Town). The original house was built in the 15th or 16th century. The part marked C is relatively new and bad. It is out of harmony with the old house which was very fine and imposing. The place is just south of the River Clyde and not very far from the city of Glasgow. (This description of the Houston House was copied from a letter written by David Franklin Houston, Ex-Secretary of the U. S. Treasury to W. J. Stevens of Charlotte, N. C.)

Houston - The name originated about the year 1183 when Hugh Padvinan obtained the harmony of kilpated in Lanarkshire, Scotland and founded Hughstown. See "The Raven, a Late Life of Sam Houston" by Marquis James - Note 1, page 347.

Coat-of-Arms of the Houstons as registered in the office of Heraldry in London: A greyhound rampant on a broken column; an hour glass with the last sand running out.

The Motto: In Ire Tempore.

DAVID FRANKLIN HOUSTON

Many people related to the Houstons, here in the county and elsewhere, are keenly interested in the generalogy and the outstanding reputation of David Franklin Houston, who for eight years held a portfolio in the cabinet of Woodrow Wilson, and was a grandson of John Patterson and Margaret Reid Houston.

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Consequently the last part of this article about the Houstons features the genealogy of this particular family of Houstons.

The children of John Patterson and Margaret Reid Houston were as follows:

Margaret Houston married William Howie; Lydia Houston, married Ben Coon; Fannie Houston, married John E. W. Austin; Charlie Houston, married Laura Wolfe; Hugh Houston, married Susie Covington; John Houston, married Emma Richardson; William Henry Houston, born 1839, died 1912, married Cornelia Ann Stevens, born 1938, died 1909.

The children of William Henry and Cornelia Ann Houston were as follows:

Dr. W. Bartow Houston, born March 11, 1862, died Sept. 2, 1940, married Holly Fitzgerald, born Sept. 19, 1871, died Oct. 31, 1947; Annie Houston, birth not known, married Dr. John Muldrow, Darlington, S. C.; David Franklin Houston, born Feb. 17, 1866, died Sept. 2, 1940, married Helen Beall, born Sept. 21, 1873, died Jan. 25, 1940.

The children of David Franklin and Helen Beall Houston are as follows:

Lawrence, a lawyer in Washington D. C., David Franklin, Fr., of Providence, Conn., and San Francisco, and Mrs. Kurt Muller, who lives in Connecticut,

David Franklin Houston probably achieved a greater reputation of fame and honor than any other member of the Houston family from Union County. He made an outstanding reputation in the south and in the nation as an educator, politician, and

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financier. During his life time he held high positions as a school superintendent, college president, member of the nation's cabinet, and director and president of several of the lending financial institutions of the entire nation.

OBITUARY

(From Charlotte Observer, Sept. 3, 1940.)

David Franklin Houston, 74, insurance executive, former Secretary of Agriculture and for a brief period Secretary of the Treasury, died yesterday of heart disease.

Mr. Houston was board chairman of the Mutual Life Ins. Co. of New York. He served as Agriculture from 1913 to 1920 in Wilson's cabinet, and then was given the Treasury Department portfolio.

While a cabinet officer, he was chairman of the Federal Reserve and Farm Loan Boards. After leaving the cabinet Mr. Houston served as vice president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., and as president of the Bell Telephone Securities Co.

Mr. Houston was born at Monroe, Union County, N. C. Feb. 17, 1866, the son of William Henry and Cornelia Anne (Steven) Houston. He was a descendant of John Houston, who came to America from Scotland in the 18th century and settled in Augusta County, Va., where he founded the New Providence Church.

He lived a varied life, beginning modestly as a graduate student instructor of foreign languages. He found time to be an author and at 36 became a college president. While known to the people of the South as one of their foremost educators and

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economists, Mr. Houston was known to the public at large as the holder of two portfolios in the Wilson administration. He had been one of the first to sponsor Wilson's candidacy for President.

In the Agriculture post seven years, he helped organize the Federal Reserve System. Later Congress eliminated the Secretary of Agriculture as a member of that body and he became one of the creators of the Federal Farm Loan Board.

President Wilson transferred him from the Agriculture Department to the office of Secretary of the Treasury early in 1920. In that post he supervised national finances during the post-war, readjustment period and developed measures for building the floating debt and retiring the victory loan. Mr. Houston also brought about economies in expenditures and framed a program for tax revision that included repeal of the excess profits tax and reduced supertaxes, in addition to formulating principles for dealing with allied debts, whose cancellation he opposed.

At the same time he aided in organizing relief work for Europe, was a member of the Council for National Defense and was chairman of the Federal Board for Vocational Education.

After eight years in Washington Houston went to New York and became associated with a number of business institutions. When elected president of the Mutual Company, June 19, 1927, he was vice-president and director of A. T. and T., President of the Bell Securities Company, director of the New York Telephone Co., Prudential Insurance Co. of America and a

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trustee of the Institution of Economics, Washington.

He was graduated with honor from the University of South Carolina in 1887. For three years beginning in 1888, he was superintendent of schools at Spartanburg, S. C. Later he studied history, government, political economy and finance at Harvard University where he received a master's degree.

He joined the faculty of the University of Texas in 1892. Afterward he became a full professor and dean of the faculty, which office he was first to occupy. In 1902 he was appointed President of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas and three years later returned to the University of Texas as President.

In 1903 he became chancellor of Washington University, St. Louis.

(Note: John W. Payne completed his dissertation on David Franklin Houston and took his doctorate at the University of Texas in 1953. In his research he found that Adlai Stevenson's father, Lewis C. Stevenson, launched a Houston boom in Illinois and on June 27, 1924, placed Houston in nomination at the Democratic National Convention. He closed his speech, given in the New York Times of June 27, as follows: "I nominate a great Democrat, of whom Woodrow Wilson only a few weeks before he departed leaving his spirit to guide the convention said: "He David Franklin Houston of New York.

DESCENDANTS OF JOHN HOUSTON

December 2, 1955

John Houston was the progenitor of Hugh M. Houston, R. V. Houston, Ellen Houston Fitzgerald, David A. Houston and many

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others of the Houston family, who have been prominent in the traditions and business activities of the city of Monroe and Union County. He was the son of William Houston I and Margaret Williams Houston. He was a brother of William Houston II and James Houston (Forty-foot Jim.)

John Houston was born December 25, 1784 in what is now the western part of Union County, but was then a part of Mecklenburg County. During his life he owned and operated a large farm which was located south of the village of Stouts, in what is now Vance Township. The site of his home was near the present home of Mr. White Hilton, and his farm lands were adjacent to those of William Houston and James Houston.

He married Elizabeth Potts of the Providence section of Mecklenburg County, and they are both buried in the Providence Presbyterian Church Cemetery. She was a daughter of Nancy Houston Potts, whose parents were James and Grace (Grizelda) Houton, a family of Houstons who were the ancestors of H. E. C. (Red Buck) Bryant.

John Houston was for many years a member of the Wesley Chapel Methodist Church, and was evidently a very devout churchman. Tradition says of him that he was called "praying Johnny Houston", as it was his custom to travel from his home to the church on Sabbath mornings by horseback, and when he arrived at the church it was his custom to kneel by the side of his horse or a tree for prayer before entering the church. Tradition also says of him that he was sometimes found on his knees in prayer in the corn crib.

John Houston was the father of eight children, all of whom

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seem to have drifted away from the Houston homestead and established their own homes elsewhere\_two went to Mississippi, one to Texas, one to Cabarrus County as a doctor, but Hugh M. Houston came to Monroe.

GENEALOGY

John (Johnny) Houston, born Dec. 25, 1784 died Nov. 13, 1877; married March 29, 1810, Elizabeth Potts, born Sept. 10, 1792, died March 11, 1831.

Children:

Emily Houston, born March 22, 1811, died August 19, 1857; married John Gonder.

Nancy Houston, born March 27, 1813; married Nov. 18, 1830, Thomas Ditimus Winchester.

Ambrose Pinkney Houston, born April 13, 1815, died at Batesville, Panola County, Miss.

Hugh McCombs Houston, born April 13, 1815, died Nov. 10. 1901, married Nov. 6, 1840, Margaret Reid born Oct. 29, 1818, died May 14, 1884.

Wm. McKee Houston, born Nov. 17, 1819 died Jan. 15, 1819. married.

Susannah Houston, born Jan. 6, 1822, died Sept. 26, 1857, married Willie Elkins.

Margaret Houston, born March 27, 1824, died Aug. 26, 1909, did not marry.

John Carter Houston, born Sept. 14, 1826.

HOME MAKERS

Of those children Emily Houston and her husband, John Conder,

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very probably remained on the farm that was formerly known as the Conder place on the Charlotte Highway between Stouts and Indian Trail. They had one child, Suzannah E. Conder, who died Sept. 27, 1864.

Nancy Houston and her husband Thomas D. Winchester lived on a farm near the McWhorter cemetery, near Wesley Chapel and there they raised a large family of children.

Ambrose P. Houston went to Mississippi, and there he was joined by his brother Carter Houston, who remained a bachelor.

Hugh M. Houston came to Monroe as a young man, married Margaret Reid and became the ancestor of numerous Houstons in this city.

Dr. McKee Houston became a doctor, and it was said of him that he was a man of some note and had a good practice in Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Counties."

Suzannah Houston, the wife of W. Elkins went to live in Concord, N. C., and Suzannah died soon after the birth of their only child, named Betty Elkins.

Margaret Houston did not marry, and in her later years she came to Monroe to live with her brother, Hugh M. Houston, and when she died she was slightly over eighty-five years of age.

Hugh M. Houston married Margaret Reid.

Children:

Ellen S. Houston, born Oct. 11, 1841, died May 29, 1914, married Nov. 17, 1864, (1) D. Frank Armfield, killed in the Civil War, after the fighting had really stopped; (2) Jan. 27, 1887, Col. Wm Henry Fitzgerald, born Oct. 12, 1840, died May 13, 1899.

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FUNDED HOSPITAL

Ellen Houston Fitzgerald left her home to the city of Monroe to be used as a hospital, and more will be written about her later.

Martha M. Houston, born Oct. 24, 1843, died Sept. 30, 1911, married Dec. 19, 1860, Capt. L. A. W. Turner, born Sept. 14, 1835, died April 9, 1903.

Robert Virgil Houston, born June 28, 1846, died Jan. 27, 1924, married Jan. 25, 1868, (1) Celestia Alice Corington, born Jan. 30, 1852, died June 2, 1889; (2) Nannie Isabel Stroud, born 1855, died Oct. 29, 1931.

Wm. M. Houston, born Nov. 10, 1849, died Oct. 30, 1850.

John H. Houston, born April 29, 1851, died Jan. 27, 1852.

Solomon C. Houston, born Feb. 2, 1853, died Jan. 2, 1857.

Hugh L. Houston, born Oct. 21, 1856, died June 16, 1857.

Alice M. Houston, born June 23, 1853, died Oct. 25, 1863.

HUGH M. HOUSTON

This article was taken from an old clipping which must have been cut from the local paper at the time of H. M. Houston's death.

Another one of the old landmarks has been removed. Another man, after a long sojourn, has gone from the land of the living. Far beyond that of the average mortal the life of Mr. Hugh M. Houston was lengthened. His was a busy life. Every moment of it was a life of activity until the shades of the evening of extreme old age fell upon it. On Sunday afternoon, November 10th 1901, just as the sun was setting, the life of the grand old man went out and his spirit went to God who gave it.

For a number of years Mr. Houston had been in declining health and not taking active part in business affairs. To the

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great majority of the people of Union county who didn't know him. For fifty-five years Mr. Houston lived in Monroe and almost every day of that time he was in contact with the people, either in an official or in a business way. He transacted business with two generations. In his official capacity he was a faithful servant, in his business relations honest and upright, in his social relations affable and pleasant. He was the wealthiest man in the county, but was not a man who made a display of wealth or thought less of a man because he was poor.

For many years Mr. Houston was a member of Central Methodist church. As a Christian he was humble and faithful in attendance at all the services of his church and loved its ordinances.

NOBLE SPECIMAN

Mr. Houston was a noble specimen of physical manhood. We was one of nature's nobleman. In his home he was the kind of character found in every truly great and good man, and without which there is no goodness or greatness, no matter what may be the world's estimate of a man, and by that we mean to say that Mr. Houston was a kind, tender, indulgent father and husband.

From Prof. Jerome Dowd's sketches of Prominent North Carolinians, written while Mr. Houston was in active business and Elizabeth Potts was born April 13th, 1817, in Mecklenburg (now Union) county near what is now Stout's Station on the Carolina Central railroad, the post office at that time being Oakville.

He was raised on the farm, assisting in making the crops in the spring and summer, and attending the old field schools in

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the fall and winter. At the age of 20 he took a situation as clerk in the store of Hugh and Eli Stewart, at a place on the Lawyer's road known then and now as Coburn's store, then the great throughfare between Cheraw and Cahrlotte. At the end of two years, young Houston having given evidences of the high business qualities which have rendered his career so successful, his employers set him up in business at the Davis Mine as a partner with themselves, but having entire control. In the course of a few years Mr. Houston bought out his partners and removed the business to Fullword's Store. While here Union county was formed, this place falling on the Union side of the line. In 1840, he married Margaret, daughter of Col. Solomon Reid.

In 1846 Mr. Houston moved to Monroe, where he has resided ever since.

While at Fullwood, Mr. Houston had as partner the late Robt. Grier, and since hsi removal to Monroe, has had as partner at different times, E. C. Grier, David A. Covington and John D. Stewart.

FIRST CLERK

Soon after the formation of the county, Mr. Houston was appointed Superior Court Clerk by Judge Manly, and after holding that office for some time was elected County Treasurer and continued to hold that office for a number of years. As the war approached Mr. Houston being a stong Whig and Union man, was elected by a large marjority to the Convention, which was not held and also to the Convention which was held and which passed.

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the ordinance of secession. May 20th, 1861. Doing a small mercantile business during the war his usual sagacity induced him to put his surplus in cotton at interior points, a large portion of which however, the Union soldiers destroyed by fire during the closing scenes of the struggle, or rather during the lawless period immediately following the surrender.

After the close of the war he resumed the mercantile business in copartnership with his son, R. V. Houston and his son-in-law, W. H. Fitzgerald, under the firm name of Houston and Company, and continued thus engaged till elected president of the Bank of Monroe, in 1874, which office he still continues to hold. He held the position of director of the Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherford Railroad Company, by election of the people of Union county, till the road was sold and he was afterwards repeatedly elected by the stockholders-the purchasers.

Mr. Houston has traveled considerably over the Southern States and just before the war owned a plantation and negroes in Georgia. He has been eminently successful in all his business enterprises and without being avaricious or over anxious to get rich or engaging in speculation or descending to the minor arts and tricks in trade has accumulated a handsome fortune. He has always been liberal and charitable, giving freely to schools and churches.

Being a man of the highest integrity and of superior judgement in business affairs, he commands the respect of all who know him, while his amiability of disposition and kindness of heart endear him to a large circle of admiring friends."

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LOST OR FAMILY

Mr. Houston had seven brothers and sisters, and he is the last of his family, with the exception of his sister, Miss Margaret Houston, who lives here. Mr. Houston's wife died on May 14th, 1884, and since her death he has made his home with his daughter, Mrs. E. E. Fitzgerald. To Mr. and Mrs. Houston eight children were born. Five of the children died in childhood. The living children are Mrs. E. E. Fitzgerald, Mrs. L. A. W. Turner and Mrs. R. V. Houston.

Funeral services were conducted in Central Methodist church last Monday afternoon by Rev. W. M. Bagby, pastor of the Presbyterian church. The following pallbearers were: Messers, J. W. Whitfield, E. M. Griffin, J. C. Sikes, A. W. Heath, J. H. Lee, J. L. Rodman, C. W. Bruner, M. S. Secrest, H. B. Shute, W. C. Wolfe, W. H. Phifer and J. R. English. While funeral services were being conducted nearly all the places of business in the town were closed.

THE HOUSTON FAMILY

ROBERT VIRGIL HOUSTON

December 16, 1955

Robert Virgil Houston, the son of Hugh M. and Margaret Reid Houston, came to Monroe as a lad and lived most of his life here. He was a highly successful business man and farmer, and held numerous positions of honor in the city and county.

His first marriage was to Celestie Alice Covington, and to this union were born six children, as follows:

Hugh M. Houston II, born Jan. 29, 1869, died 1933; married

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Elizabeth Bascom, who is still living.

David Anderson Houston, born Nov. 19, 1871, died April 2, 1939; married Jan. 9, 1895, Roberta Miles Totten, Mt. Airy, burn August 2, 1875, died, May 6, 1929.

Ella Houston born Oct. 25, 1872, died Feb. 28, 1949; married Julian J. Lindsey.

Clarence E. Houston, born Nov. 22, 1874, died Feb. 22, 1926; married 1904, Miriam Stamps.

Lola Houston, born Feb. 20, 1881, died June 13, 1912; married 1902, Rufus A. Armfield, born May 1, 1878, died Feb. 28, 1918.

Celestia (Lessie) Houston, married 1912, Allen Heath, born Aug. 12, 1888, died May 30, 1955.

SECOND MARRIAGE

Robert V. Houston's second marriage was to Mary Isabel Stroud of Batesburt, S. C. To this union three children were born as follows:

Margaret Reid Houston, married 1912, Dr. Robert Lee Payne, born 1887, died Sept. 8, 1944.

Robert S. Houston, Sr., born Jan. 28, 1894, died Sept. 24, 1944, married June 28, 1917, Mary Rawlings.

Octavia Houston married 1922, Philip S. Fisher, Sharon, Pa.

(1) Hugh M. Houston II, who married Elizabeth Bascom, was the father of twin daughters who died in infancy. There were no other children.

(2) David A. Houston and his wife, Roberta Totten Houston, were the parents of six children, as follows:

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Hugh, Ruth Houston Fountain, Roberta (Berta), Allen Houston, Russ, David, Jr., Francis, and Charlotte Houston Atkinson.

(3) Ella Houston Lindsey was the mother of one child, Lucy, who died in infancy.

(4) Clarence E. and Miriam Houston's children are as follows: Clarence Jr; Edrce (deceased), Wm. Stamps, and Miriam.

(5) Lola Houston who married Rufus Armfield, was the mother of four children, as follows: Rachel, Eleanor, Celeste, Rufus, Jr. (deceased).

(6) Lessie Houston, the wife of Allen Heath, he had no children.

(7) Margaret Reid Houston, who married Dr. R. L. Payne, has two children; Robert and Bober Lee (Jimmy) Jr.

(8) Octavia Houston Fisher has had no children.

(9) Robert S. Houston, and his wife, Mary, had one child, Robert S. Houston, Jr.

OBITUARY

(From the Monroe Enquirer of Feb. 1, 1912.)

"Robt. V. Houston was born in Mecklenburg County, June 28, 1846, but when a child of six years of age came to Union county, most of life being spent in Monroe. His father, Hugh M. Houston, and his mother, Margaret Reid Houston, were natives of Mecklenburg county, his mother being the daughter of Solomon Reid of the same county.

Robt. V. Houston was educated in the high school of Monroe and at Trinity College. In March, 1864, he enlisted in Company C, Tenth Battallion of the North Carolina Artillery, and served

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with Gen. Johnston's army until the close of the War.

"He was extremely popular among his old comrades and attended many of the re-unions, where he was always in demand as a story teller. He loved the Confederate cause and was for years Commander of Camp Walkup, the local organization. He was always willing to go down in his pocket for funds to help needy old soldiers or to send them to re-unions. He was buried in a uniform of the Confederate army.

"For many years he was in business with his father in Monroe. He was a large owner of lands comprising several farms in this county, and besides had other important property interests in Monroe. He loved the farm and spent much of his time in later years on his farm in Vance Township.

"He filled many offices of trust and responsibility in Union county, serving as mayor of Monroe four years, trustee of the Monroe schools for four years, magistrate two years and in 1910 he was a member of the state legislature.

"Mr. Houston was one of the best known men of the county and had been a figure in the town since its beginning. He had an inexhaustable fund of good humor and few people ever saw him lose his temper. He was kind-hearted and loyal to his friends, and had few if any enemies. He was a 'landmark' who will be missed."

D. A. HOUSTON

(From the Raleigh News and Observer, April 3, 1939.)

David Anderson Houston, 67, of Raleigh, former president of the Carolina Mortgage Company and Federal Land Bank of

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Columbia, died yesterday morning at 9 o'clock at his home here after an illness extending back to November, 1938.

Funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock in Monroe, Mr. Houston's former home. The rights will be at the home of a sister, Mrs. Allan Heath, and the Rev. G. W. Combs will officiate. The funeral cortege will leave Raleigh this morning at 8:30 o'clock.

Mr. Houston, a native of Monroe, had a varied and outstanding career. He had been a teacher, druggist, lawyer, court clerk, banker and mortgage company executive.

Descended from a family long prominent in Union County, Mr. Houston was a grandson of H. M. Houston, pioneer educator, financier and business man, who owned and controlled his own bank. His father R. V. Houston and his mother Celestia Alice Covington, daughter of Major David A. Covington.

Mr Houston entered Trintity College, now Duke University, in 1886, when that institution was located in Randolph County. He graduated in 1891 with an A. B. Degree and continued his studies in political science and government under Dr. John Crowell, president of the college. Mr. Houston taught two years at Trinity College after the college moved to Durhan, heading the business and commercial departments, and serving as assistant instructor in political science. While in college he helped in forming and chartering the Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

In Ja. 1895, Mr. Houston married Miss Berta Miles Totten, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Allen Totten of Mt. Airy. In December of that year, after studying pharmacy, he passed the

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State Board of Examination and registered. He formed the drug firm of Blair and Houston in Mt. Airy and in 1897 moved to his old home in Monroe, continuing in business. He studied law at night with his wife assisting him passed the State examination and was admitted to practice.

In 1908 he was elected Clerk of the Court of Union Couty, serving until 1911, when he became cashier of the First National Bank of Monroe. Five years later, he passed the examination as a national bank examiner and upon the formation of the Federal Land Bank and the setting up of the Regional Bank at Columbia, S. C. in 1917, he became its first treasurer. The following year he became president of the bank, which operated extensively in North and South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. In April, 1924, the Carolina Mortgage Company was formed in Raleigh, and Mr. Houston became its first presidnet, serving until the firm's liquidation a few years ago.

While Mr. Houston never held the position of bank examiner or practiced law, he mastered these two professions to broaden his knowledge of business and business affairs.

He had a wide circle of friends, spent much time with them discussing current affairs, in which he always kept well posted. and was regarded as a brilliant conversationalist. A resident of Raleigh for the past fifteen years, he took an active interest in local affairs. He was a member of Edenton Street Methodist Church.

Mrs. Houston died May 6, 1929. Surviving him are five children: Mrs. J. L. (Ruth) Fountain, Mrs. William M. (Berta Allen)

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Russ, Miss Charlotte Houston, Francis M. Houston, and D. A. Houston, Jr. all of Raleigh.

Also surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Ella Houston, and Mrs. Allan A. Heath, both of Monroe, and a half sister, Mrs. Philip Fisher of Portland, Oregon; a half-brother, R. S. Houston of Monroe, a half-sister, Mrs. Rober Payne of Monroe; three grandchildren; Berta Allan Russ, William Russ III and Hugh F. Houston, Jr.

ELLEN HOUSTON FITZGERALD

December 23, 1955

Ellen Fitzgerald is one of the most honored and revered names in annals of Monroe and Union County. It is reality a high position of esteem in hearts of all the people in this community, because due to a thoughtful and generous gift of this good woman which enabled this county to have its first hospital. Through the intervening years this institution has borne the honored name Ellen Fitzgerald Hospital.

At the time of her death she bequeathed her lovely home in Monroe, located on South Hayne Street to the city of Monroe to be used and developed as a hospital. It should be noted that at that time funds for such institutions were always very meager and uncertain. Few, if any counties dared to vote bonds for hospitals then. Therefore it is most fitting to honor again, after almost forty years, this good woman, Ellen Houston Fitzgerald.

The hospital bearing her name is a living monument to her memory. It had its beginnings in 1913, and because of its fine services and the ever increasing needs for hospital facilities

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it has continued to grow and expand. Today it is operated in conjunction with the new Union County Memorial Hospital, and used primarily as a nursing home.

The Monroe Journal, in its edition of May 30, 1916, published the following account of the passing of Mrs. Fitzgerald:

OBITUARY

Mrs. Ellen E. Fitzgerald died yesterday morning at 8:30 at her home on Hayne Street after a lingering illness. She was 75 years of age, having been born in this county October 11, 1841. She was the daughter of the late Hugh M. and Margaret Reid Houston. She was twice married, first to Mr. D. F. Armfield on November 17, 1864, who died April 1, 1865. Her second marriage was to Col. W. H. Fitzgerald, January 29, 1867 who died May 13, 1899.

The funeral was held at the residence this morning at 10 o'clock, conducted by her pastor, Rev. R. E. Gurney. The interment was at the Monroe cemetery. The many and beautiful floral offerings attested to the love and esteem in which she was held by a vast number of friends and relatives.

Mrs. Fitzgerald joined the Methodist Church in her early childhood, but after her marriage to Col. Fitzgerald, affiliated with the Presbyterian denomination. She has always been a devout and earnest Christian, and took great interest in her church and its work.

Mrs. Fitzgerald's happy and earnest life was not blessed with children, but she is survived by an adopted daughter, Mrs. S. O. Blair. She was one of the oldest citizens, and was known far and wide throughout the county. She was a sister

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of the late Mr. R. V. Houston, who died a few years ago.

OPENED THE WAY

Mrs. Fitzgerald's gift of her home for a hospital created a great amount of interest in Monroe at the time. For years the public spirited citizens had been looking forward to the time when the city could have a much needed hospital. Yet no one had seen the way to secure such an institution until the splendid munificence of Mrs. Fitzgerald opened the way.

Her will was made in 1913, and was witnessed by the late W. C. Wolfe and John R. English. Rufus Armfield and Clarence E. Houston were named as executors. Mrs. Fitzgerald had property which she had inherited from three sources, her first and second husbands, and her father. She was a thrifty and industrious person and during her life was able to add to her inheritances.

On July 7, 1916, the Board of Alderman of the city of Monroe consisted at that time of J. C. Sikes, J. B. Simpson, W. A. Henderson, J. Baxter Williams and J. M. Fairley, with Mayor J. W. Fowler presiding, and Geo. S. Lee Jr., clerk, passed the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the late Ellen Fitzgerald, by her last will and testament devised to the city of Monroe, certain property to be used for the hospital purposes, the language of the said devise being:

Section 13. I devise to the city of Monroe and its successors as long as it shall be used for a hospital, my residence, lot and dwelling and buildings thereon for the purpose of providing a hospital for the sick and diseased, and others

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requiring surgical or medical attention, the said residence being on the east side of Hayne Street.-The city of Monroe shall make provisions for paying the expenses of the hospital, and see tjtat it serves the purpose for which I have given it to the city of Monroe. I do not attach conditions requiring it to be free for all sick or diseased persons, but leave the authorities of the city of Monroe to make such rules and regulations as may be nedded and charging such person as may be able to pay for the attention of physicians, nurses, board, etc.

And, whereas, the city of Monroe, by and through its governing board, is of the opinion that the said hospital should be equipped in keeping with the devise, and that a board of directors should be appointed to take charge of and manage the same:

Now, therefore,, upon motion of J. B. Simpson, and seconded by J. C. Sikes, moved the following resoulution be adopted.

First, that the name of the hospital shall be The Ellen Fitzgerald Hospital.

Second, The management of the same in all of its details, shall be entrusted to a board of nine directors, who shall be residents of the city of Monroe, and shall be appointed to the office by the Board of Alderman at their first meeting in May, 1917, to hold office for a period of two years, and until their sucessors be elected and qualified, and that the following be and are hereby appointed directors from this day until the meeting in May, 1917, to wit: Chas. Iceman, A. M. Stack, H. A. Shute,

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Dr. J. M. Belk, W. E. Cason, J. H. Lee, R. F. Beasley, J. W. Laney, and D. A. Houston.

Third, That the said board of directors shall have no authority to pledge the faith or the credit of the city of Monroe, without the permission of the said city in the form of a resolution to that effect, and it shall be their duty to at once investigate the needs of said hospital and make it report to the Board of Aldermen, together with such recommendations as they may think advisable, looking to properly equipping and starting said hospital.

Fourth, That the said board of directors shall serve without remuneration.

FIRST WING

Following this resolution, work was commenced as soon as possible, and the first wing of the building was opened for patients and the first one entered on October 14, 1921, the war of course having delayed the purpose of the city.

Dr. A. F. Mahoney took charge of the hospital in January of 1923 and continued in that capacity until death on August 29, 1934. Dr. Raymond D. Pearson came to Monroe with Dr. Mahoney and was associated with the hospital until his death on September 14, 1936. Both made many friends and will long be remembered for their many deeds of kindness.

ABNER HOUSTON AND HIS DESCENDANTS

December 7, 1956

Abner Houston was the eighth child of William Houston, Sr., and Margaret Williams Houston. He was born October 23, 1787, in what was then Mecklenburg county, N. C., but is now Union County at what is known as the Biggers Mill Place northwest of Wesley

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Chapel church. He was a brother of Margaret Houston who married John Patterson, Susan Houston who married Dr. William Morrison, Elizabeth Houston who married Elisha Stilwell, James Houston (40 foot Jim) who married Margaret Forbis, Hannah Houston, who married Squire Stevens, Hugh Houston, William Houston, Jr., who married Elizabeth Gray, and John (Johnny) Houston who married Elizabeth Potts.

In the year 1804 when Abner was seventeen or eighteen years of age, he moved from North Carolina to Tennessee and settled at the present city of Lewisburg, in Marshall county. Abner was accompanied to the west by his brother, Hugh Houston, who settled on the Franklin Pike Road in Tennessee.

On Nov. 19, 1812, Abner Houston was married to Phoeby Ezzell, who was born Dec. 11, 1784. About 1836, Abner Houston left Tennessee and moved to Montgomery, Texas, where he died and was buried. His wife, Phoeby, died in the home at Lewisburg, Tennessee, and was buried in the Mount Carmel cemetery there, Abner himself died Dec. 24, 1841.

Records show that Abner Houston and his son, Frederick Ezzel Houston, were each given grants of land in Texas in the Montgomery District. In the early days of Texas a married man was granted 640 acres of land and a single man received 320 acres. A settler had to be in the state for one year before he could apply for a conditional grant. Final grants were signed at Washington on the Brazos to Abner and his son. It is not certain what Abner did with his lands, but his son, Frederick, sold his lands to William Ware in 1851. Frederick and his brother, Hugh, left there

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and bought 500 acres from the Keese tract in Caldwell County, on Seals Creek, west of Luling, Texas.

TALL CANE

When Abner Houston went to Tennessee, he reported that he found the growth of cane to be thick and tall-from ten to twenty feet high. He traveled along the banks of creeks and streams instead of cutting road. After getting settled in his new home, Abner obtained a job as an inspector concerning slaves in Tennessee and Alabana. It is reported that he was quite a "Chesterfield". He wore beautifully tailored clothes. The records show that he was well fixed financially. In 1836 when his wife died, he gave up his job, sold his property, and moved to Texas.

The children of Abner and Phoeby Ezzel Houston were as follows:

John Moore Houston, Susannah Houston, Frederick Ezzell Houston, Elias Houston, Ann Smith Houston, Frederick E. Hugh Houston, and James Robinson Houston.

John Moore Houston was born October 8, 1813 and died July 17, 1838. He lived and died in Lewisburg, and is buried in the Mount Carmel cemetery. He left one daughter, who married a Mr. Wadsworth in North Carolina.

Susanna M. Houston was born Nove. 13, 1815, and died Sept. 12, 1844. Her first marriage was to Thomas I. Cheek, Nov. 20, 1834. To this union one child was born-Maty Melvina-May 1, 1836, and died June 2, 1847. Susannah's second marriage was to a Mr. Kuykendall and to this union one child was born-Margaret L-Sept. 23, 1843, and died February 15, 1844.

In the Marshall Gazette, a newspaper published in Lewisburg,

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Tenn., there appeared the following article which was written in 1923:

PIONEER

"It was in the year 1804 that Abner Houston came across the mountains of East Tenn., and stoped at Lewisburg. He was a native of North Carolina. It was thought that he was the first white man to settle on the site of Lewisburg. Futhermore, he is the only man that we have record as being the first white man.

"His home was located between the home of Dr. R. D. Grutcher and T. E. Arthur, He was the manager and proprierter of the first store that was located in Lewisburg. Of course, it was not a town at that time. Other people soon began making settlements. Abner made his home here until about 1835 or 1838, then he gave the site of Lewisburg to the public. He did this in order that it would be the country site (seat) in 1835. A court house was erected in the following years. This was not the one that is standing at present as it was destroyed by fire.

LEWISBURG

"The town received its name from Merriweather Lewis. It was along about this time that Lewis and Clark were making their expedition, so the people decided to name their town Lewisburg, From that time on the town has prospered."

The following article was from the pen of Esq. Geo. W. Ewing in the year 1924:

"The old residence on the corner of Second and Haynes Streets, recently torn away to give place to the new Baptist church, occupied the site of Marshall county's first court house. The original building constructed of cedat logs was bought and moved to this premises by

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Zack Cathey. The first building was used by a merchant named Kelsey, formerly a Methodist minister, who abandoned the ministry and opened Lewisburg's first store. He soon failed in business and trace to him is lost. In 1836 Marshall county first court was in this building, Judge Edmund Dillahunt presiding. The building being very small the juries were forced to retire to the residence of Abner Houston, just across the street on the north, for their deliberations. There were no other buildings in Lewisburg at the time except Houston's gin which was located in the rear of Mrs. Irvine's residence on Third Avenue, and Houton's corn crib, which occupied the site of the present C. P. Church and was utilized as the first jail, Cyrus Weddington being the first prisoner confined therein.

LAND DONATED

"What is now Lewisburg's public square was a cotton field at that time, occupying the center of a fifty-acre tract of land donated by Abner Houston for the county seat. The timber line began on the south side of the square and this was a Methodist church or abor, which was located on the Murrey Bro., Moss lot.

On the present courthouse square there is a memorial plaque which carries the following inscription:

ABNER HOUSTON

"2 blocks N. was home of this pioneer, who gave the land on which Lewisburg stands. Marshall county's first court met there Oct. 3, 1836, with Wm. McClur, chairman, David McGahey, secretary, James Adams, George Cummings, Jas. L. Ewing, John Field, Jos Cleak, Adam Miller, Ephriam Hunter, Asa Holland, Jas Patterson, Jason Shuffield, Sherwood Dunningan, Andrew Laird, members.

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THE JAMES HOUSTON FAMILY

NOVEMBER 18, 1955

James Houston, son of William Houston II and Elizabeth Grey Houston, was born in Vance Township of Union County (the Mecklenburg County) and spent most of his life on the Houston plantation. He married Martha E. Walkup of the Waxhaws, daughter of Robt. and Dorces Montgomery Walkup. He was a farmer and tanner by trade.

In 1891 he moved from Vance Township with his family to the Col. William Walkup residence in Jackson Township, about four miles south of the city of Waxhaw, and here he spent the last ten years of his life. He came into possession of this property by inheritance from the estate of Robt. Walkup. He died Jan. 2, 1901.

During the Civil War James Houston was soldier in the Confederate Army, and served most of the war period as a guard of Yankee prisoners at a prison camp in Salisbury, N. C. In addition to this he assisted with the enlistment of new soldiers for the Confederate forces.

The children of James and Martha Houston were as follows:

Samuel B. Houston, born April 6, 1854, died Feb. 28, 1877,  
Married Emily Darby Boylin.

Sarah Elizabeth Houston, born Jan. 27, 1856, died Aug. 21, 1899.  
Married W. Mack Matthews, Sr.

Mary (Molly) Jane Houston, born July 4, 1858, died March 25,  
1947. Did not marry.

Julia Drusilla Houston, born Nov. 16, 1860, died Jan 7, 1937.  
Married William Dallas Hawfield, born Aug. 23, 1861, died Nov. 11, 1937.

Minnie Ann Houston, born April 6, 1866, died March 8, 1920.  
Did not marry.

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William Walkup Houston, born April 6, 1866, died Dec. 20, 1894. Did not marry.

Dr. Henery Clay Houston, born April 5, 1870, died Feb. 18, 1911. Married Emily Davis, born Feb. 21, 1874, died Sept. 16, 1954.

Samuel B. Houston and wife had only one child, Edna Craven Houston. She was born in Monroe on Oct. 8, 1875, and moved to Florida with her widowed mother where she died in 1948. She was given the name of Craven because her father had attended Trinity College, where he was a favorite student under Dr. Braxton Craven. Edna married Mr. Albert Keller of New York state, continuing to live in Florida. Mr. Keller died Aug. 15, 1930.

The children of Sarah Houston and Mack Matthews were as follows: B. Frank Matthews, Janie Matthews and W. Mack Matthews, Jr. of Charlotte, James Houston Matthews of Gastonia, deceased, and Dr. Vann Matthews of Charlotte deceased.

HAMFIELDS

The children of Julia Drusilla Houston and William Dallas Hawfield are as follows"

William Preston Hawfield, born Nov. 24, 1889, died May 31, 1948. Married Pauline Raper.

Samuel Glenn Hawfield. Married Kate Clark.

Dr. James Hawfield, married Joseph Hampton Price.

Amelia Drusilla Hawfield, married Joseph Hampton Price.

Henry Grady Hawfield, married Raymelle Purser.

Major Robert Roy Hawfield, married (L) Pate Davis, born June 4, 1909, died Oct. 16, 1938 (2) Audie Edwards.

Dr. Clayton Hawfield, married (1) Julia Scott, (2) Mary Flinary.

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Frank Houston Hawfield, married Grace Biggers.

In the obituary column carried in the Monroe Journal on Jan. 8, 1937 a tribute was paid to Mrs. Julia Hawfield as follows:

TRIBUTE

"Mrs. Hawfield represented the finest type of womanhood that Union County has produced. She was devoted to her home and family, and the Wesley Cahpel homestead was a mecca not only for her children, but her neighbors, friends and relatives always recieved a cordial welcome.

"Her great ambition was to give all of her children the best education possible. However, sacrifice was necessarey to give the children a totla of twenty-nine years of college education. Her splendid children, by the positions they have attained, are living testimonials of her ambition. It was well spent for she and Mr. Hawfield have given the county and the state real leaders in their chosen fields.

"She was a life long member of the Methodist Church, Wesley Chapel, and was active in all of its undertakings. Her fine character found expression in many avenues, and it would be hard to limit her influences to one more than another. Motherhood became enshined in her complete life, and the way Mrs. Hawfield applied this privilege of her life in moulding her character into those of her children and in guiding their lives tells of how faithfully she accepted and performed the duties and responsibilities of motherhood.

William Dallas Hawfield died on Nov. 11, 1937, and the obituary column of the Monroe Journal carried the following tribute:

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"Mr. Hawfield was born in the Providence section Mecklenburg County, the son of James and Amelia Wolfe Hawfield.

"He came to Union County when a young man and settled in the community in which he lived and died. He married Miss Julia Houston on November 18, 1887. It was her birthday. She was the daughter of James Houston and Martha Walkup Houston. Mrs. Hawfield died in January. They built a home that was a model in the community and reared a family which has been a credit to their name and to the high principles of the Christian home which they maintained. Mr. Hawfield was a large and successful farmer, a friend to all good causes, and an active worker for church and school. He was one of the founders of the school at Wesley.

GREATLY LOVED

Dr. Henry Clay Houston, the seventh child of James Houston, graduated in medicine from Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn. in the class of 1894. After finishing his medical course he began the practice of his profession in a rural community. He literally gave his life for those who needed his skill and training. He had a large practice in all of that section, and he was greatly beloved by all who knew him.

Dr. Houston owned two horses for his his work. One named Toy and he was used as buggy horse whenever the crude roads made such travel possible. The other horse, named Frank, was used as a saddle horse for night travel and for such times as the roads were not passable by a vehicle. With these two faithful horses he went out into the homes of the sick at all times of the night and all kinds of weather. His presence was always a great comfort to those who were ill.

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About 1901 Dr. Houston moved to the city of Waxhaw, where he continued to practice in so far as his health would permit. In his last years he found it necessary to drive a pony and od only very light practice. In all of his career as a doctor he had wonderful help from his wife, Emily Davis Houston. She was his constant companion and in sickness she was his devoted and faithful nurse.

When Mrs. Houston died at Waxhaw Sept. 17, 1954 the following tribute was written in the obituary column of the Monroe Journal:

"Mrs. Houston was loved throughout the community for her cheerful attitude, he unselfishness and her devotion to the people especially the sick who were in need of care. Though not a trained nurse, she followed right along with her husband in his work, and gave unstintingly of her time in caring for the sick and afflicted. She devoted much time to the work of her church, and as long as she was able, was active. She was a member of the Eastern Star, and of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs."

GENERAL SAM HOUSTON

January 10, 1956

The early ancestry of General Sam Houston apparently was identical to that of the Houstons who later came to Union County, or Mecklenburg county, as it was in the early days. Authentic historical records show that General Sam Houston's great grandfather was John Houston II who came to America from Ireland, with his mother, his wife and six children. The maden name of his wife was Margaret Cunningham.

The best historical records available show also that the great grandfather of William Houston I, and General Sam Houston had the same

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great grandfather.

The children of John Houston II and his wife, Margaret Cunningham Houston were as follows:

Robert Houston married Margaret Davidson; Isabella Houston married (1) John Henderson, (2) William Gillespie; Esther Houston married John Montgomery; John Houston married Sarah Todd; Samuel Houston married Elizabeth McCroskey; Matthew Houston married Martha Lyle.

Thus it is evident that Robert Houston who married Margaret Davidson, and John Houston, who married Sarah Todd were brothers, and their sons would naturally be first cousins.

Robert Houston and his wife, Margaret Davidson Houston, were the parents of the following children:

John, Samuel, Bettie, Margaret, Esther, and Mary.

The children of John and Sarah Todd Houston were as follows: James, John, Samuel, (Rev.) William I., Robert, Matthew, Alice, Margaret and Esther.

Hence Sam Houston, the father of General Sam Houston, and William Houston I, the father of William Houston II, were first cousins, since their fathers were brothers.

Samuel Houston married Elizabeth Paxton and they were the parents of the following children:

Paxton, Robert, James, John, Samuel (Gen. Sam), William, Isabella, Mary and Eliza.

William Houston I married Margaret Williams and they became the parents of the following:

Margaret, Susan, Elizabeth, James, Hannah, Hugh, William II, John and Abner.

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Obviously the children of Samuel and Margaret Davidson Houston, and those of William Houston I and Margaret Williams Houston were second cousins. Thus the lineage of General Sam Houston and that of the Houston County Houstons appear to be identical.

COLORFUL FIGURE

David Franklin Houston, in a letter written to the Institute of American Genealogy, Chicago, dated Nov. 3, 1921, wrote in part as follows:

"The tradition in my family, and I believe it is well founded, is that my great, great, grandfather was Joh Houston of Augusta County, Va.

General Sam Houston is said by some historians to be the most colorful figure in American history. He was born in Virginia in 1793, and after the death of his father, he along with his mother and other members of the family left the Timber Ridge settlement in Virginia and moved to Maryville, Tenn., Blount County. In early manhood he clerked in a store, taught school some and spent much time with the Indians of that area.

Later Sam Houston joined the United States army and served as a lieutenant under General Andrew Jackson. Lieutenant Houston made a fine impression upon General Andrew Jackson, who became his admirer and friend. At the close of General Jackson's campaign against the British and the Indians, Lieutenant Houston was elected to the United States House of Representatives from Tennessee, and there served two terms. Following this he was elected Governor of the State of Tennessee.

During his administration Governor Houston met and married Miss Edliza Allen, member of a very prominent Tennessee family.

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During his campaign for reelection to that office, she separated herself from him and returned to her family for reasons unknown to this day. To Governor Houston this was a great sorrow and disappointment. He resigned as Governor and withdrew from the race for re-election, and later he went back to live among the Indians and married an Indian squaw. His friends tried to dissuade him, but his disappointment was too great.

As a boy he had run away from home, crossed the Tennessee River, and lived for some years with the Indians whom he loved. He was so much in the good graces of the Indians that he was adopted as a son by Chief Oollooteka. After deserting civilization in Tennessee he lived for four years with the Indians in Arkansas.

Still in Indian dress, he bade farewell to his Indian friends of Arkansas, in 1832, and went to Texas. He was made Commander-in-Chief of the Texas army, then struggling for independence from Mexico. Those who knew him said that he was the handsomest man they had ever seen in uniform. In April, 1836, with a few hundred Texans, he met and decisively defeated the Mexicans, several times his number of men, who were led by General Santa Ana. The battle lasted only a few hours, but long enough for General Houston to become the "Hero of the Battle of San Jacinto". General Santa Ana was captured and brought before General Houston, who lay wounded under a tree, on the battle grounds. He ordered him into custody, and had him transferred to Washington as a prisoner of war. To commemorate the deeds of Genral Houston and his men, through the influence of Honorable Jesse Jones, and others, the country's highest monument was erected on the battlegrounds. As a result of the

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Battle of San Jacinto, Texas won her independence from Mexico and , indirectly, approximately one third of the present area of the United States was later added to the territory of the United States.

The Republic of Texas was established, and General Houston was elected president by an overwhelming vote. President Houston served two four-year terms. After much opposition in Congress, Texas was admitted into the Union as a State. This automatically abolished the office of Chief Executive of the Republic of Texas. President Houston was then elected to serve as United States Senator from Texas. His son died recently in Washington, while serving an expired term of a Senator from Texas, who died in office. The records of the Senate disclose him to have been almost elequent speaker. Senator Sam Houston never forgot his Indian friends as long as he was in public life. He was frequently mentioned as a candidate for President of the United States.

After retiring from the United States Senate in 1859, he was elected Governor of the State of Texas. He was deposed for adherence to the Union and for opposing secession of the Southern States. He took President's view, that the Union must be preserved. Through President Jackson's power and influence, General Houston might have been elected President of the United States, had he not felt compelled to leave Tennessee, after been deserted by his young wife. Houston and Jackson were bosom friends. Jackson undoubtedly persuaded him to go to Texas for the very purpose which he so completely accomplished. He said of the famous general, "The world will take care of Houston's fame." and those words are inscribed on the momument at his grave in the little cemetery in Huntersville, Texas.

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Manifestly, it is better to have the State of Texas in the Union, than to have had General Houston as one of the United States. But for just such a man as Houston was, Texas today would be most likely a part and parcel of some other country.

(Under the caption "Sons of Union Pioneers" in the February 15, 1957, edition of the Monroe Journal were pictured four men of the Houston family. They were John Patterson Houston, James Houston, William Aiken Houston, and Ben. Franklin Houston. The following was written about them.

#### LARGE FAMILY CONNECTIONS

#### OF WILLIAM HOUSTON JR.

Many Union County people are direct descendants of one of the four sons of William Houston, Jr. and Elizabeth Gray Houston, pictured above. The interesting pictures and family sketches were obtained by S. G. Harfield, a member of the family who is doing extensive research on its various branches.

#### JOHN PATTERSON HOUSTON

Third child of William and Elizabeth Gray Houston, was born March 6, 1814, and died Oct. 16, 1887. He was married to Eleanor Reid, who was born August 19, 1814, and died Jan. 16, 1877.

Their children were:

1. Margaret Ann Houston, born Sept. 22, 1837, died March 10, 1931. Married William L. Howie, Nov. 13, 1854.
2. Wm. Henry Houston, born Dec. 19, 1839, died Jan. 15, 1912. Married Jan. 15, 1861, Cornelia Ann Stevens, born 1838, died 1909.
3. Samuel L. Houston, born Sept. 8, 1842, died Oct. 9, 1843.
4. Hugh W. Houston, born Nov. 26, 1844, died April 26, 1906.

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Married Jan. 3, 1866, Susan Covington.

5. Elizabeth Lydia Houston, born, Jan. 18, 1847, died Dec. 2, 1918. Married Jan. 8, 1867, Ben G. Coon - born Feb. 28, 1842 - died Jan. 22, 1921.

6. Frances Eleanor Houston, born Jan. 26, 1849, died April 30, 1907 - Married Dec. 21, 1865, John Ervin Whitfield Austin - born June 7, 1844, died June 24, 1905.

7. (a) Charles Lawrence Houston, born June 19, 1851, died March 27, 1920, married Laura Wolfe.

(b) Rufus Walter Houston, born June 19, 1851, died Jan. 29, 1852.

8. John Walter Houston, born Aug 9, 1853, died June 21, 1938. Married Sept. 18, 1891, 1st-Emma Julia Richardson, born, June 4, 1865, died Jan 26, 1897. 2nd Margaret Amanda Stancil, born Aug. 30, 1859- died March 10, 1931.

9. Martha F. Houston, born Sept. 28, 1858, died June 24, 1859.

WILLIAM AIKEN HOUSTON

The fourth child of William and Elizabeth Houston, was born Nov. 17, 1815, and died March 3, 1868. In early manhood he migrated to Lewisburg, Tenn., where he resided until he died.

He was married three times: First to Ann Osborn, and to this union one child, Elizabeth, was born. Elizabeth Houston married William Liggett, and to this union ten children were born: William G., Carrie, Lyman, Betty, Lola, Effie, George, Emsley, Rufus, and Thomas.

Wm. Aiken Houston's second marriage was to Elizabeth Stilwell, and they had one child, Margaret Ann, who died whe she was ten years of age.

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Wm. Aiken Houston married Matilda Ann Cathey the third time,  
and they had six children, as follows:

1. Jennie Drusilla Houston, born 1849, married William Carter.
2. William Clark Houston, born 1851, married Nanie Temple.
3. George Cathey Houston, born 1853-died 1938, married  
Mamie Brown.

4. Frank Bascom Houston born Jan. 10, 1856, died Nov. 12,  
1945, married Georgianna Brown. To this union nine children  
were born:

- a. Zuna Ann Houston, married Hoyt Wakefield.
- b. Bland Bryan Houston, married Sarah Hardison.
- c. Jennie Kate Houston, married Gentry Bryant.
- d. Dwight L. Houston, did not marry.
- e. Laila Houston, married Rev. Nick Allen.
- f. Brownie Elizabeth, married Chas. Hays.
- g. Frank Bascom, Jr. married Leiron Ray.
- h. Syd Houston, married Frank Rambo.
- i. Chas. Aiken Houston, married Josphine Woodard.
5. Peggy Houston died when ten years of age.
6. Cyrus Clay Houston, born 1861 - died 1936, married  
Sallie Robinson.

JAMES HOUSTON

The fifth child of William and Elizabeth Houston was born  
Nov. 28, 1817, and died Jan. 1, 1901. He was married to Martha  
E. Walkup, born Jan. 16, 1834, died Sept. 11, 1905. Their children were:

1. Samuel B. Houston, born April 6, 1854, died Feb. 28, 1877,  
married Emily Darby Boylin.

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2. Sarah E. Houston, born Jan. 27, 1856, died Aug 21, 1899,  
married W. Mack Matthews.

3. Mary Jane (Mollie) Houston, born July 4, 1858, died March  
25, 1947, did not marry.

4. Julia Drusilla Houston, born Nov. 16, 1860, died Jan.  
7, 1937, married Nov. 16, 1887, William Dallas Hawfield, born Aug.  
3, 1861, died Nov. 11, 1937.

5. Winnie Ann Houston, born Jan. 20, 1863, died March 8,  
1920, did not marry.

6. William Walup Houston, born April 6, 1866, died Dec.  
20, 1894, did not marry.

7. Dr. Henry Clay Houston, born April 5, 1870, died Feb.  
18, 1911, married Emily Davis, born Feb. 21, 1874, died Sept.  
15, 1954.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HOUSTON

The eighth child of William and Elizabeth Houston was born  
March 9, 1824, and died June 24, 1897. He married Elizabeth  
Hudson, and was born Sept. 11, 1843, and died Jan 27, 1911.  
Their children were:

1. Dr. W. Cyrus Houston, born Jan 2, 1867, married Nina Adams.

2. Mary Houston, born May 21, 1868, died Aug 12, 1930,  
married Randolph Redfearn, born Feb. 18, 1865, died Dec. 24, 1932.

3. Florence Houston, born July 24, 1870, died July 4, 1904,  
married William B. Phifer.

OTHER CHILDREN

Other children of William Houston and Elizabeth Gray Houston  
whose pictures are not now available were: Drusilla Houston,

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born June 15, 1810, died April 4, 1859, married Matthew Phifer;

Margaret Williams Houston, born June 9, 1812, died June 1,  
1844, married Nedom Armfield:

Hugh Clark Houston, born Jan. 6, 1820, died May 24, 1846,  
did not marry;

Elizabeth Houston, born Jan. 1, 1846, died May 24, 1846.

FATHER'S DEATH

An account of the death of the father of the Houstons  
pictured above was written by "A Friend", and the clipping  
(From Charlotte, N. C. paper) follows:

William Houston, Jr. (June 12, 1782-June 22, 1870)-Died  
on the 28th of July last, (probably 1870) at Oakville, Union  
county, North Carolina, from the infirmities of old age, after  
an illness of about ten days, William Houston, Jr., in his 89th  
year. The deceased was for more than half a century one of the  
most prominent and respected citizens of Union County.

He was of sober habits, and possessed a clear and well-  
balanced mind and a retentive memory, which with his general  
knowledge of the historical incidents and of family connections  
in the country, made him an interesting and entertaining companion  
to those about him.

The history and traditions of Revolutionary times, which  
he had heard related by our forefathers, together with his own  
observations and experiences for three generations, through which  
he had passed, when narrated by his fresh and agreeable manner,  
were always gratifying, instructive, and never tiresome.

Among his large family of relatives, he left surviving him

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an aged sister in her 97th year, and a brother age 86. He dropped off in a ripe old age, calm and serene, and without a struggle.

JAMES (40-FOOT JIM) HOUSTON

The Houston family history includes James Houston (40-foot Jim) and his descendants today.

James Houston was born Oct. 7, 1775. He died Sept. 11, 1846, and was buried in the McWhirter cemetery. He married Margaret (Peggy) Forbes, daughter of Hugh Forbes, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and Mary Forbes. She was born Dec. 6, 1788, and died Jan. 17, 1863.

Their children were: 1. Mary (Polly) Houston, born Feb. 5, 1813; died Oct. 27, 1895, buried at Marvin Methodist church; married James Pierce, who died Aug. 3, 1844, and was buried at Providence church. 2. James Houston, born March 4, 1822, died Jan. 7, 1911. On June 12, 1845, he married Prudence Tye (Prudy). She died Oct. 31, 1845, and he married her sister, Pamela Tye, who died Nov. 9, 1906. 3. Elizabeth (Betsy Houston, born March 25, 1825, died March 27, 1904. She was married on Dec. 5, 1844, to James Kerr (Carr). He was born in 1819, and died in 1864 or 1865 in Civil War prison camp. 4. Margaret W. Houston, born April 25, 1829, died in 1905. On Dec. 17, 1846, she was married to William Berson Houston (Texas), born in 1824, and died in 1877. (Lived near Arlington Baptist Church near Allen's Cross Roads, Mecklenburg county, buried in Mint Hill cemetery.)

The five children of Mary (Polly) Houston and James Pierce were: John M. Pierce, born May 31, 1834, died July 4, 1862; James M. Pierce, born July 19, 1836, died Sept. 11, 1846. \*Orren Lafayette Pierce (Iron) born May 21, 1838, died Jan. 31, 1919,

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married Leonora Ann Doster, who was born Sept. 22, 1865, but there's no record of her death; William C. Pierce, born Feb. 16, 1842, died Nov. 16, 1850; Leonidas (Lee) M. Pierce, born Dec. 21, 1844, died Oct. 2, 1902.

The five children of \*Orren Layette (Iron) and Leonora Ann Pierce, and their families were: 1. James Robert Pierce, born Aug. 22, 1888, on Dec. 16, 1908, married Azalie Howie. They had nine children—James Elmore Pierce born Oct. 5, 1910, Annie Buford Pierce, born Sept. 6, 1912, Mary Lucille Pierce, born April 4, 1915; Doris Howie Pierce, born Dec. 10, 1917; Ruby Inez Pierce born June 22, 1827; Bobby Jean Pierce, born June 17, 1930; Joe Pierce, born April 30, 1934.

2. Mary Eugenia Pierce born Feb. 17, 1891, on Dec. 27, 1911, was married to Grady Rogers. They had three children: Elgin Grady Rogers, born Dec. 8, 1912; Jack Pierce Rogers, born Dec. 6, 1918; Frank Robinson Rogers, born April 27, 1924.

3. Wm. Houston Pierce, born July 7, 1893, married Mary Ida Rogers on Feb. 4, 1912. She was born May 5, 1894 and died Jan. 10, 1952. They had seven children: Wm. Crowell Pierce, born Feb. 13, 1913; Leonora Juanita Pierce born Oct. 7, 1916 (Md. Infinger); Ernest Brown Pierce bor April 4, 1918; Mary Kathleen Pierce, born Aug. 2, 1920 (Md. Joe P. Turner); Orren Carl Pierce, born March 22, 1922; Helen Rogers Pierce, born Aug 10, 1924; Margaret Carolyn Pierce born Aug, 19, 1926.

4. John Monroe Pierce born Feb. 8, 1896, married Myrtle Blythe on Dec. 3, 1919. They had eight children; Clara Alice Pierce, born Oct. 14, 1920; John Monroe Pierce, born Aug 7, 1922; Charles Pierce, born Jan. 22, 1924; Jack Blythe Pierce, born July 15, 1925; Arthur Thomas Pierce,

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born Jan. 12, 1927; Frank Howard Pierce , born June 11, 1931;  
Mary Ethel Pierce, born Dec. 24, 1933; Child Pierce, born Feb. 1937.

5. Laura Myrtle Pierce, born Dec. 25, 1897, was married to  
Parley McNeely on Sept. 8, 1920. They had three children: Robert  
Ney McNeely, born Aug. 21, 1921; Wm. Pierce McNeely, born in May 1923;  
Gibbon McNeely, born Jan. 9, 1925.

The only child of James Monroe and Pamela Tye Houston  
was Frances (Fannie) Houston, born Sept. 25, 1849, died May 30, 1941.  
She was married to Joseph Warren Auberry, born May 9, 1845, died Feb.  
24, 1922, buried at Old Bethel. Her seven children and their  
families were:

1. Mary Belle Auberry, born April 4, 1875, died Feb. 15, 1951,  
was married to Samuel Forbes, had no children; 2. Fred Auberry, born  
Dec. 30. 1876, died Dec. 17, 1944, did not marry; 3. Daisy Auberry,  
born May 16, 1879, was married to Frank Privette, born April 23, 1887.  
Their only child, Velma Privette, born Jan. 29, 1912, was married to  
Aaron Richardson, born Jan. 19, 1921; 4. Bertie Auberry, born Oct. 17.  
1881, died June 9, 1885; 5. Carl Auberry, born March 8, 1884, married  
Lessie Keziah, had no children; 6. Bessie Eugenia Auberry, born Dec.  
13, 1886, was married to Wm. P. (Jonah) Turner, born Jan. 9, 1884.  
Their six children were: Lawrence Turner, born Sept. 9, 1911, married  
Flossie Woodliff; Ottie Roberta Turner, born Nov. 13, 1913, was  
married to Howard Gardner; Stanley Eugenia Turner, born July 4, 1916,  
married Corrie McCoy; Joe Perry Turner, married first, Kathleen  
Pierce, second Mary Jane Austin, third unknown; Ruby Turner, born Aug.  
8, 1922, was married to Joe Lemmonds, Mary Turner was married to Alvin  
Grier; 7-Dora Auberry, born June 24, 1890, died Nov. 7, 1935, did not marry.

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The three children of Elizabeth (Betsy) and James Kerr(Carr) and their families included: 1. James Adams Kerr, born Nov. 17, 1846, died May 15, 1924, married Mary Lou Spratt, born Nov. 27, 1886. His children were: 1. Wm. Jefferson Kerr, born June 12, 1870, died Nov. 22, 1946, married Evalina M. White, born Aug. 11 1874-children (A) Wm. White Kerr born Oct. 10, 1894, married Mary Howie, born June 9, 1894 (daughter of Cruse Howie); (B) James (Joe) Spratt Kerr born Aug. 18, 1908, (lives near Marvin, N. C.) married Virginia Williams, born Oct. 2, 1909; (C) Samuel Erastus Kerr (Jake) born April 16, 1912, (lives near Harrison Methodist church) married Edna Ross, born Oct. 17, 1914.

(2) James Edward Kerr born May 13, 1876, married Belle Allen, born Feb. 8, 1880; (3) Ida Kerr, born July 30, 1873, died Feb. 13, 1945, married John Loyd Howie, born April 3, 1876; (4) Samuel Erastus Kerr, born Nov. 29, 1897, died April 25, 1956, married Kate McGinn, born July 1, 1889.

2. Samuel Houston Kerr-no record; 3. Margaret Kerr married a Mr. Pierce and there is no record of their children.

The two children of Margaret W. Houston and Wm Pierson Houston were: 1. James Ambrose Houston, born 1848, died 1898. married Nancy Kerr Morrison, born Sept. 22, 1849, died June 28, 1948; 2. A daughter who died very young.

The children of James Ambrose Houston and Nancy Kerr Morrison Houston were: 1. Baxter Houston born Oct. 10, 1872, died March 10, 1941, married first, Lillie McGinnis, and their children were T. Baxter Dec. 5, 1905, Nancy Houston who married Dewey Sparks and lives in Washington, D. C. His second wife was Mary Barnett and they had no children.

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2. Eugenia Houston of 2317 Charlotte Dr, Charlotte, N. C. born Feb. 22, 1875, was married on Dec. 9, 1897, to Matthew McPhail Wallace, born Oct. 23, 1870, died March 27, 1954, (83 years 8 months 4 days). They had no children.

3. William C. Houston, born 1878, died July 25, 1901. He was 23 years old and had not married.

4. Jennie Podelia Houston, born Sept. 19, 1880, was married first to Joe Provost, second to Wm. A. Ebert; 5. James Lemuel Houston, born April 7, 1883, married Kathleen Cauble. They had one child, a son, James C. Houston.

In Tennessee Ceremony

HOUSTON SHRINE IS

DEDICATED BY D. A. R.

December 24, 1957

Members of the Houston family in Monroe and Union county will be interested in the dedication of the Abner Houston Shrine held October 6, 1957 at 2 O'Clock at the log cabin on Cornersville highway Marshall County, Tennessee, near Lewisburg. A number of Houston descendants were present and were pictured left to right, front row, Dwight Houston, Mrs. Frank Houston, Mrs. Hoyt Wakefield, Frank Houston, Jr., Mrs. Frank Rambo, Mrs. Chas. Houston, Norman Cropp. In W. E. Green, and Mrs. Norman Cropp. In doorway: Mrs. Alden Patterson and Rev. E. M. Steel.

The Robert Lewis chapter of the DAR hostessed for the occasion Mrs. J. B. McBride, regent, called the meeting to order and Buford Ellington, commissioner of agriculture of the State of Tennessee, gave the invocation.

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Wayne Wolaver, representing the Woodmen of the World, presented Mrs. McBride with a large American flag which she accepted with gratitude as a gift to the organization. Three uniformed Boy Scouts properly and proudly raised the flag to its staff on the grounds near a cabin.

During this flag-raising ceremony a bugle salute and drum roll were played by members of the Marshall county band. Immediately following, as the flag flew aloft, Charles Houston, a Houston descendant, led the audience in the pledge of allegiances.

Mrs. McBride in her opening remarks, expressed the gratitude of the DAR to Dr. and Mr. R. D. Crutcher who were responsible for preserving the log cabin and giving it to the organization in order that it could be restored. She also thanked Hunter Bills and his highway workman, Mrs. Sherin of the State Department, the restoration committee, the Tennessee Historical Society, and all who contributed to funds making this project a success.

Judge Cecil Holly spoke in behalf of the county and gave interesting facts found in the minutes of the first court which met in the home of Abner Houston on Oct. 3, 1836. He introduced several members of the county court who were present.

Mayor J. B. McBride, representing the City of Lewisburg, made a short address, expressing the willingness of the city to cooperate in this worthwhile project. Buford Ellington spoke as a citizen of Marshall county by choice rather than by birth. It was largely through his influence with the State of Tennessee, the DAR was allowed to place the cabin at the present location to be beautified as a roadside park area.

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Mrs. McBride introduced ex-Gov. Jim McCord who made the address:

"We have assembled here today to pay tribute to those men who wrote indelibly upon the pages of the early history through the record of achievement and honesty of purpose that will endear them to generations yet to be.

"Marhall county came into the State of Tennessee in 1836, and Lewisburg was established the same year. In the creation of the county one of the first acts was to provide for a judicial system, a respect for and obedience to the law.

"It was in this home of Abner Houston we dedicate here today that the first court of Marshall county met October 3, 1836, just 121 years ago. He also gave the 50 acres of land on which Lewisburg is built. Judge Dillihunty, a man of fine character, excellent qualities, and a splendid jurist, was the first judge. He was appreciated so much that the Masonic Lodge in Lewisburg was named his honor-the Dillihunty Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.

"We can, on this occasion, let our minds drift back to the earliest history of this continent. Just a few months ago I was present at the celebration of the restoration of Fort London. This fort was established in 1757, just 200 years ago. The establishment of this fort by the English is more responsible than any one thing for our speaking the English language instead of the French, because the French people were trying to get into this area to establish a fort. Two hundred years is quite a long time and what was the original fort in this area has crumbled into dust and what we have only a memory, But for the services of the Daughters of the American Revolution

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those memories too would have faded just like the passing of this fort.

"Mrs. McCord and I spent a part of May of this year visiting historic shrines in Virginia, including Monticello, Ash Lawn-then to Williamsburg and Jamestown.

"The first English settlement established on this continent was 1607, 350 years ago. All that remains of Jamestown is a stature of Capt. John Smith and one of Pocahontas, and the little church cemetery. Everything else is just a memory. From Jamestown we went to Yorktown, and as we drove through Yorktown we we accosted by a park ranger. We had stopped to examine a monument there comemoration the deeds of Washington and his army at this point. This ranger escorted us around through the old breastworks of the Revolutionary War and on the information center. There many historical points were called to our attention. One of the Moore House, where the capitualtion of Cornwallis was discussed with representatives of George Washington. This was not the last battle of the Revolutionary War but the most decisive.

"All we have to enrich our lives in this day is the memory of what was accomplished there being kept alive by such organizations as the D.A. R.

"We spent some days in Williamsburg which lies between Jamestown and Yortown. One of the Rockefellerors has caused to be excavated the foundation of the original buildings of Williamsburg and on those foundations has built a new town. We visited the governor's palace, the state capitol, the courthouse, and Raleigh Inn, and many other points of interest.

"The incidents that make Williamsburg famous are the memories

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that have been kept alive by such an agency as D. A. R. These things remind us that in the materialistic affairs of men that every creation may only become a memory.

"This brief historical review leads us to another channel and that is the bringing into being the most sacred documents and programs of human life was in the enunciation of the Ten Commandments, written by Jehovah Himself on tablets of stone and entrusted to Moses. They are as valuable today as they were in the far away period when adopted as the constitutional provision of a people to be established as a nation. Years later the Master of men delivered the Sermon on the Mount, and every success in the entire world must recognize the value of the teaching of this sermon. They mean more than any other document submitted to mankind. They are sacred and divine. Since these days men have created programs of human life that were dedicated to the establishment of a free people on the earth.

"In 1215 the English barons presented to King John at Runnymede a document which he was forced to sign and was the first record we have of efforts to guarantee rights and liberty to a free people. The ideals of the Magna Charta still lives in the minds of people.

"Years went by and the Declaration of Independence, the greatest document ever conceived in the minds of men, came into being. This document provided for freedom and liberty and the instrument inspired men to service in the Revolutionary War and served as a program of human existence of a free people. In 1787, delegates to the Constitutional Convention of the United States met in Philadelphia. After much debate many misunderstandings and jealousies, Benjamin Franklin, a delegate, arose from his seat one morning and addressed the president just as he

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rapped for order. He said, 'Mr. President, I move, as we assemble this morning, that we be convened in prayer.' Mr. Washington, the president, called on Mr. Franklin for prayer, and out of the prayer came a calm and understanding. The delegates got down to work and brought forth what is now the Constitution of the United States, to which was added the Bill of Rights. That document has lived through the years and must always live"

"When I turn my mind back to memories; see the fort at Jamestown there is nothing left save memory, and at Yorktown the same exists. These memories are of material things but one shudders as he turns to the sacredness of the documents, The Constitution and Bill of Rights stand for the preservation of our liberty and our ability to continue a free people. They cannot be amended by a Supreme Court decision. The legislative power of this government only can recommend amendments to the Constitution that must be approved by the Sovereign States that make the Union. We have observed a disposition on the part of courts to render decisions that are equivalent to amendments to the Constitution. We wonder if such opinions might cause our Constitution to crumble to dust and the hope and patriotic zeal of a free people might fade into a memory also. Our danger lies not in our lack of patriotism, not in usurpation of power on the part of one department of government or another. The Supreme Court of the United States undertakes to amend our Constitution instead of interpret it. Will the Congress of this nation permit the courts to usurp their prerogative and do what they alone are supposed to do?

"Standing here this afternoon on a spot we call sacred, perpetuating the memory of these early citizens of Marshall county. I make bold to say

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that in this little cabin, a replica of long ago, here in its circumscribed space, decisions based on law and justice were meted out according to law. More just decisions were made in this little courthouse than ever have been made in the magnificent building that houses the Supreme Court in Washington."

The meeting was closed with a benediction by the Chaplain, Mrs. C. C. Wallace.

DESCENDANTS OF B. FRANKLIN HOUSTON

August 17, 1956

Benjamin Franklin Houston was the son of William II and Elizabeth (Gray) Houston. He was the eighth child in a family of nine children.

Others in this same family included Drusilla Houston, who married Matthew Phifer; Margaret Williams Houston, who married Nedon Armfield; John Patterson Houston, who married Eleanor Reid; William Houston, who married three times Anne Osborn, Elizabeth Stilwell, and Matilda Ann Cathey; James Houston, who married Martha Walup; and Clark, Cyrus, and Elizabeth who did not marry.

At the time of Franklin Houston's death a local newspaper carried the following obituary in its columns:

FRANKLIN HOUSTON

The death of a good man is always sorely felt in a community. Earth has nothing grander than an old man, bearing worthily and well his weight of years, his fade touched by the sunset glow of the departing day of a well spent life. It is natural for an old man to die, and yet we would have the old man who has crowned

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his days with deeds of love and of mercy live on to bless mankind with his mellow heart and with the experiences of his hoary years.

The town of Monroe mourns the loss of a good old citizen in the death of Mr. B. F. Houston, He was a man who was a blessing to the community in which he lived. He was a man whose pure life, whose upright walk, whose many grades of head and heart showed to his fellowmen that in him the spirit of everlasting life ran still deep and strong.

Mr. Mr. Houston was a gentleman of the old school. Courteous to all, treating every fairly, the friend of all classes and the poor of the greatest, he stood among men as a well rounded type of perfect manhood. As a friend he was true and constant; as a citizen, patriotic; as a neighbor, kind and helpful; as a husband, devoted and loving; as a Christian, faithful, persistent and humble.

We mourn the loss of a good man, but he has been taken as a shock of corn in its ripeness. His long life has left a benediction upon those among whom he lived and his influence is still felt, and tho his body has been laid to rest and we call his dead, his influence lives and will continue to live for generations yet to be, for his many good deeds of sympathetic heart and helpful hand shall not be lost, for the flight of untold ages, all of the vast cycles of the future, with which the unmeasured and immeasurable past is but as a watch in the fleeting night, and all the convulsions, upheavals and destructions of material things, aye, the dissolution of the great globe itself shall not limit nor make a grave for a life that is founded upon righteousness.

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Our good old friend went to his death in great peace and calmly and fearlessly crossed to the other shore.

Mr. Houston's pastor, Rev. W. R. Ware, tells of the lovable character and gives data of the life of this good man and prominent citizen:

PASTOR'S TRIBUTE

B. F. Houston was born in Union county, N. C., March 9th, 1824 and died in Monroe, June 24th, 1897, 73 years old 9th day of last March. He grew up and lived in his native county all of his long life. He was the son of William and Elizabeth Houston, and was one of nine children, all of whom have passed away now except an older brother (James), who is lonely and sad amidst the last affliction of the kind that will ever come upon him. May God bless and comfort him in his age and feebleness.

On the 31st day of last December, 31 years ago, Brother Houston was happily married to Miss Elizabeth Hudson (daughter of William Hudson), who has been his constant and faithful wife through all these years. They first settled and lived for nine years at the old home near Wesley Chapel in Union county. In 1874 they moved to Monroe and have lived here ever since, identified with the best interests of the town and county. Three children blessed this marriage and three grandchildren were playing around their feet in the eventide of life.

Brother Houston was wise, thoughtful and prudent in his business transaction; a man of strict moral integrity, and had the respect and confidence of the business men in the community and

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especially of those who delt most frequently and largely with him. He took good care of what he had and by good management added to it. He was a kind and considerate husband, a devoted and thoughtful father. He provided well for the temporal and spiritual welfare of his family. He was an humble, quiet, and unpretentious man, a true friend without demonstration; yet, every circle in which he moved and every community in which he lived felt his influence for good. The world was made better by his living in it, and all who knew him mourn a good man gone.

For eleven years he was a stockholder and director in the People's Bank of Monroe from its organization; he was chirman of the Board of County Commissioners for some time, chairman of the County Board of Education and a member of the Twon Board of Commissioners--all of which places he filled with great benefit to the interests represented and with honor to himself .

Brother Houston's Christian life was beautiful and exemplary. He was a Methodist by inheritance and from conviction. He loved his Lord and his church; he was loyal without bigotry, dvoted without narrowness and true without selfishness. All of the interests of the church were his, and every appeal for her welfare found a responsive chord in his heart and in his pocket. He was liberal and free in his contributions. He did not have to be asked for his missionary money and was one of the largest and most liberal payers to this worthy cause. He was among the first to pay liberally and freely on the extra incidental expenses of the church, and would say, "if more is needed, let me know". He was mindful of the pastor's necessities, and early in the year, when most others failed or neglected

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to pay anything, he would quietly hand in all or nearly all of his assessment. The meaning of this thoughtful, practical Christian act of his meant a great deal and the effects of it were felt not only in the preacher's family and home life, but also in his daily ministrations among the people and in his pulpit efforts on the cold wintry Sabbaths. He was my frind and I loved him as a Christian brother.

He was actively and practically interested in the new church enterprise. The building committee met and organized at his house, and for sometime continued to meet there because of his failing health. He inquired about our progress al long as he had strength to talk and was in the possession of his rational powers. May his children and grandchildren enter upon the inheritance and enjoy the blessing of this sacred enterprise so that lay so near the heart of our dear brother in the closing days of his earthly life.

Brother Houston was not directly and actually connected with the church until August 1889, during the Leitch meeting, when he with his only son (Cyrus) was received into its fellowship and communion by his friend and former pastor, Rev. P. J. Carraway. He was a professor of religion, however, sometime before this. A few days before his death he repeated a stanza from each of those grand old hymns, Come Thou Fount, etc. Approach My Soul at The Mercy Seat, and then called his two daughters to his bedside and said, "Cast your care upon Jesus," and clapped his hands as if in expression of joy. May we not with hope and confidence believe that our departed brother is still singing the power of Jesus to save in a nobler, sweeter song than was ever heard on earth.

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God bless the stricken widow and bereaved children and loved ones, and help them so to live as to come at last to a happy reunion beyond the skies.

Mrs. B. F. Houston

Mrs. B. Franklin Houston, died on Jan. 27th, 1911, and in The Monroe Journal of Jan. 31st of that year there is this account of her death:

Mrs. Elizabeth (Hudson) Houston, widow of the 17th, Mr. B. F. Houston, died at the home of her son-in-law, W. B. Phifer, at Gainesville, Fla. On last Friday, the 27th, of gastritis. She had been sick since Christmas. The remains were brought to Monroe Saturday and buried on Saturday afternoon. Accompanying the remains from Florida were Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Redfern, Dr. W. C. Houston, W. F. Phifer and his three children. Dr. Weaver and the Rev. Mr. Craig held services. The pallbearers were J. R. English, J. M. Belk, J. H. Lee, G. B. Adams, W. S. Lee, and Davis Armfield. A large gathering attended the funeral and the grave was loaded with a great abundance of the most beautiful flowers.

Mrs. Houston was in her 68th year, having been born Sept. 11, 1843. She was the daughter of William Hudson. After her marriage to Mr. Houston, Dec. 31, 1845, they lived in their farm in Sandy Ridge Township, coming to Monroe in the seventies, where Mr. Houston was identified with different enterprises. On the death of her daughter, Mrs. Forence Houston Phifer, some six or seven years ago, Mrs. Houston went to Gainesville, Fla, to take charge of the latter's children, and had since made her home there. Dr. W. C. Houston and Mrs. Randolph Redfern are the only survivors.

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MRS. REDFEARN

Mary Houston Redfearn, the eldest daughter of B. Franklin and Elizabeth Houston was born May 21, 1886 and died August 12 1930. She was married to Randolph Redfearn who was born Feb. 18, 1865 and died Dec. 24, 1932. They had two sons, Frank Redfearn of the Redfearn home on Church Street in Monroe and Cyrus Redfearn, who was born Dec. 10, 1903 and died July 4, 1914.

The Monroe Journal gave the following account of the death of Mrs. Redfearn:

In the death of Mrs. Mary Houston Redfearn, Monroe lost one of its very best citizens. She died Tuesday morning at 1:30 o'clock in the Ellen Fitzgerald Hospital, where she had recently undergone a serious operation and after an illness of several months duration.

No woman in Monroe took more interest in civic betterment, her church, the American Legion Auxiliary, D. A. R., U. D. C. and alleviating suffering among the poor and unfortunate than did Mrs. Redfearn. She will be badly missed.

Mrs. Redfearn was born at the Houston homestead near Wesley Chapel, May 21, 1868, daughter of B. Frank Houston and Elizabeth Houston. Her parents moved to Monroe when she was a child and she lived all her life at the homestead on South Church St. Of the three children of her parents only one now survive, Dr. Cyrus Houston of Concord. Mrs. Florence Houston Phifer, the other child, died in 1904. She was married to Randolph Redfearn on Oct. 6, 1887. To them two sons were born, Frank and Cyrus Redfearn. Cyrus died at the age of ten in 1914.

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The funeral was held at ten o'clock Wednesday morning at the home of South Church Street. Mrs. Redfearn was a member of the First Baptist Church, and the pastor, Rev. J. D. Harte conducted the funeral service, assisted by Dr. Ashley Chapell, pastor of Central Methodist Church. The pallbearers were Fred Smith, Clayton Hawfield, James Morrow, Robt. Lee, Carr Bowie and Allen Lee. The honorary ones were Dr. Mahoney, Dr. Ashcraft, J. T. Shute, J. J. Crown, Bruce Adams, Eugene Ashcraft, V. D. Sikes and J. D. Sikes.

Many relatives, friends and neighbors attended the funeral.

Frank Redfearn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Redfearn, married Miss Leonora Bowie of Monroe. They are the parents of one child, Leonora (Toto), and the wife of Robert E. Helms, Jr. and they are the parents of two children, Edward Phifer and Emmalyn Houston Helms.

MRS. PHIFER

Mrs. Florence Houston Phifer, daughter of Franklin and Elizabeth Houston, after marriage to W. B. Phifer, moved to Gainesville, Fla., where she made her home until her death in 1904.

The Gainesville, Fla. Star pays this heartfelt and sincere tribute to her memory:

Florence Houston was born in Union County, N. C. July 24, 1870, and died in Gainesville July 4, 1904, age 34 years and 20 days. Her parents moved to Monroe when Florence was a small child, where she grew up to beautiful womanhood. She was educated in Greenboro, N. C., and while a student in college she joined the Methodist Church. She and W. B. Phifer were most happily married Sept. 10, 1890, and came to Florida and made their home at Rochelle until they came to Gainesville about four years ago.

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Mrs. Phifer was a most excellent woman, one of the best in our city. Those who knew her most intimately prized her most highly. It is not every community that is blessed with a character so rare as here. She was one of the queen of earth, whose life and character entitled her to a crown of enduring beauty and glory. Highly educated and refined, loving and loyal, intellectual and religious, she presented the beautiful combination on rare elements of that one seldom sees.

As a mother she was one of the best. Her children received a mother's welcome and a mother's kind and thoughtful attention. She believed that a mother could not turn over the rearing of children while she passed her time in fashionable living. The world needs more mothers of her type.

Her Christian life was regular, true and pure. She lived as a follower of her Master should. Her religious convictions gave color to her entire life. She did not make religion a cloak of seeming respectability, but it was first principle and controlling power in her life. The church of which she so gladly and cheerfully rendered.

Gainesville her lost a gifted woman; the church a Godly member; her husband, a devoted wife; her children, a true mother; her family, a loving sister, and her friends a trusted and high-minded associate. The sympathy of the entire community will be generally given to the bereaved relatives of the deceased of the deceased.

And the Daily Sun of the same place has the following:

The funeral of Mrs. Phifer was conducted from Kavanaugh Methodist church at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, the Rev. W. J.

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Carpenter officiating. The Home Mission Society of the Methodist church of which the deceased was president for two years, assembled at the residence and preceded the remains to the church, where a large circle of friends were in waiting to pay the last respects to their departed friend. In his remarks Mr. Carpenter was most impressive, paying a beautiful tribute to the life and work of the deceased. The ceremony was a touching one, and there were few dry eyes in the congregation at the close.

A large number of friends accompanied the remains to Evergreen cemetery, where the interment was held and the service concluded. The floral decorations were as beautiful and fragrant as they were elaborate, and came as last tokens of love and esteem.

Mrs. Florence Houston Phifer was the mother of five children, as follows:

Mary and Maude, born June 23, 1891, as twins, and Maude died Nov. 10, 1891; Helen, born July 11, 1896; Asenth, born Dec. 6, 1898; and Elizabeth, born June 10, 1904, died Oct. 30, 1904.

DR. HOUSTON

Dr. W. Cyrus Houston, the only son of B. Frank and Elizabeth Houston, was born Jan. 2, 1867. He lives at Concord, N. C. where he has resided for many years. At the age of 89 years he is still very alert and active, and takes great interest in various religious and civic enterprises. Perhaps his greatest interest is in the work of the Methodist church. It present he is the chief contributor to the famous Houston Preaching Mission which is held annually in Central Methodist church in Concord, and for many years he took special interest in building up the fund known as the Fund for Superannuated Methodist Preachers in the Western North Carolina

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Conference.

Dr. Cyrus Houston was married to Miss Nina Adams of Monroe.

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To prevent confusion, I will follow my father's line, and then  
return to my mother's

John Porter Houston Sr.

b 7 Aug. 1888, Pine Valley, MS (Yalabousha County)

M. Miss Dilla Clark

d. 1971, Lampassas Texas

His brothers & Sisters were:

Ira Claude

Joseph Henry

Charles Reese

Francis Glen

James Benjamin

Elsie L.

Amanda Cornelia

Minnie Mabel

Leone Pattie

Although born in Mississippi, the family moved to Texas when my  
grandfather was three ie, 1891 or thereabouts

His parents were

Louis B. Houston

b. 6 July, 1848, Lafayette County Miss.

M. When? Where?

d. 2 Mar. 1925, Lampassas Texas, buried in Salado Texas

Wife, Mattie (Maggie) Thorton

b. 31 Mar, 1851 Yalabousha, County, Miss.

d. 15 June, 1905, Saledo Belleo Texas

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Louis Bros & Sisters

Reece A. Houston b. 1845

Susan Margaret Houston b. 1842

Nothing further is known of the Thorton line.

Louis' Parents:

Joseph Benjamin Houston

b. 1816 where?

M. 1833 Tenn.

d when? Where? (Probably Oxford Miss)

Wife Martha Amanda Porter

b. 1817 Tenn (Probably Giles County)

d. When? Oxford Miss.

Joseph B. Houston is shown with wife Martha A. and children Susan M, 8 yrs old, Rees A. 5, and Louis 2, on the 1850 census of Lafayette County, Miss, family 579. His age is given as 34, and Martha's age 33. This confirms the accuracy of their birth dates as given. Reece and Susan's birth dates were not given in my copy of stuff from the Bible, but Louis birth date was given in 1848. I figured out the other two from their ages on the census. They also appear on the 1860 Census of Lafayette County.

Louis Benjamin Houston is the first Houston I have been able to trace. I know nothing of his parents.

Martha Amanda Porter's parents are:

Dad David Washington Porter - He is also found on the 1820

Census for Giles County, Tn.

b. 1782 Guilford County, N. C.

M. 1802 Margaret Rennick Crawford

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d. 1856 Oxford, Miss.

wife Margaret Rennick Crawford

b. 1783 S. C.

d. 1867 Oxford, Miss.

I don't have anything more on the Crawford Line, but,  
Martha Amanda's Brothers and Sisters are listed as:

Reese (Reece?) Porter 1804 - 1847

Jean Brown Porter 1806 -?

Eliza Craighead 1809 - married in Giles County, Tn.

Elias Washington Porter 1811-1871

Mary Adelaine Porter 1814-1858

M. 1839 Milton G. Mayfield in Giles County, Tn

David Newton Porter

b. 1824 - Tenn.

d. 1887 Oxford, Miss.

D. W. Porter, age 68 and wife Margaret (age 66) are found on the 1850 family 1332 Census for Lafayette County, along with David N. 26 and three children Thomas W. Goodwin, age 14, Alphonsa R. Goodwin, age 12 and Mary M. Goodwin age 9. I don't know how those children fit into the picture, but in the 1860 census for Lafayette County, family 1411 consists of Margaret Porter living with Thomas Goodwin and Mary Goodwin. Mary's age here is given as 21, so this is probably his wife, not the Mary M. who is 9 in 1850 and probably his sister. Remember that David died in 1856.

By the way Mary Mary Adeleine Porter's marriage is listed in the book- Marriages from Early Tennessee Newspapers 1794-1851, p. 325 by Rev. Silas Emmett Lucas, Jr. it Reads - Mayfield, Mr. Milton G. married in Giles County to Miss Mary A. Porter daughter of David W. Porter

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Esq. - National Banner and Nashville Adv. ( Fri. Dec. 21, 1832).

I don't know if this date is of the newspaper on of the wedding.

Henry E. Blackman's parents

James Austin Blackman

b. 25, Dec. 1856

d. 3 Jan. 1925 Alligans Mich.

Bessie Bowlen

b. 1856

d. 1908 Alligan, Mich.

James Austin Parents

Henry Austin's Parents

b. 6 Jan 1818

d. 5 Oct. 1913

Lucy Sherwood

b. 1834

d. 1914

Lena Mae Hicks Parents:

Luther D. Hicks

b. Stanton, Tn.

m. 19, Nov. 1890

d. 17 April 1930 Memphis

Lula V. Payne

b. 31 Aug, 1877? Stanton, Tn.

d. 1920 (1921) Memphis

Lula Paines Parents were

Sam Payne

Lyda Croom

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As you can see, the only line I have researched so far are  
Porters and Houstons - The rest are only names and dates.

I hope these lines tie in. If you have any additions info,  
please write and share it. I plan to keep search.

Happy Searching

Betsy

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Child # II Catherine Burt b 1835

Christopher Burt Sr. was listed as head of a household in 1820.  
(Tattnall County, Ga.)

In the 1830 census he was not on the census of Ga. On the  
records of Marion County Deeds in 1835 a transaction of a deed  
concerning Christopher Burt Sr. was recorded.

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